

PRICES-CURRENT of Food-grains and Salt in the

		QUANTITIES PER RUPEE BY																							
		WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, BEST SORT.			RICE, COMMON.			BURBURN MILLER-CUMBOO, BAJRA.											
		Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
DISTRICTS.																									
BENGAL.																									
Western Districts.																									
1	Bardwan	13 0	13 8	13 0	16 0	16 0	24 0	12 0	11 4	20 0	13 4	11 12	21 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Bankoora	13 8	13 8	13 5	21 0	20 0	22 8	11 8	10 12	15 8	12 12	12 12	17 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Beerbhoom	12 0	12 0	14 8	15 0	15 0	...	9 8	9 8	16 8	11 4	11 4	20 0	11 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Midnapore	12 0	12 0	11 0	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	19 0	14 0	17 0	15 0	25 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Hooghly	12 0	12 0	12 0	16 0	16 0	15 0	8 0	8 8	11 0	11 0	11 8	19 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Howrah	12 8	13 0	15 0	...	...	...	10 0	10 8	16 0	12 8	12 8	20 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Central Districts.																									
7	Calcutta	13 0	13 0	...	16 0	16 0	...	7 0	7 0	...	11 4	11 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	24-Pergunnahs	11 0	11 4	...	13 5	13 5	26 8	7 0	7 4	8 0	11 4	11 4	19 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Nuddea	13 12	14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 4	10 0	10 0	17 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Jessore	13 5	13 5	14 8	...	...	...	11 0	10 10	19 0	13 5	12 4	25 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Moorshedabad	14 0	14 0	15 0	15 0	16 0	18 0	8 8	9 0	13 0	11 0	12 0	16 0	18 0	14 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Dinapore.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Maldah.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Rajshahye.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Rungpore	14 0	13 0	15 0	...	...	...	7 15	7 8	14 0	13 0	15 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Bogra	11 4	12 0	13 8	...	...	...	6 12	6 0	15 0	16 8	15 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Pubna	14 4	14 4	15 0	...	...	...	7 8	8 0	12 0	13 8	13 8	25 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Darjeeling.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Julpigore.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Cooch Behar.*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eastern Districts.																									
21	Dacca	12 8	12 0	12 8	16 0	16 0	20 0	10 8	21 0	13 8	13 0	26 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Fureedpore	14 0	14 0	20 0	...	...	...	6 0	6 0	9 0	14 0	13 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 8	11 0	12 0	13 8	13 0	26 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Mymensingh	10 12	10 8	12 8	...	...	...	8 0	9 0	20 0	12 0	12 0	23 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Sylhet†	10 0	10 0	10 0	9 0	9 0	11 8	10 8	9 10	19 0	14 0	12 4	32 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Return not received.

† Return for next preceding week received after publication of last Gazette.

A In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 10 to 14 seers, barley 16 seers, best rice 10 to 11-13 seers, common rice 11 to 12-11 seers, and gram 15-12 to 19 seers per rupee.

B In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 12-8 to 13 seers, barley 12 to 22 seers, best rice 10 to 13 seers, common rice 11-8 to 15-8 seers, maize 12 to 30 seers, and gram 14 to 16 seers per rupee.

C In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 7 to 14 seers, barley 15 seers, best rice 9-8 to 12 seers, common rice 10-4 to 13 seers, maize 20 to 24 seers, and gram 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

D In the interior only.

E In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 12 to 13-8 seers, best rice 7 to 8-8 seers, common rice 11 to 14 seers, and gram 13 to 16 seers per rupee.

F In the interior prices range as follow:—Best rice 7-4 seers, common rice 11-4 to 14-8 seers, and gram 14-8 to 15-4 seers per rupee.

G Coarse rice at 13-6 seers per rupee.

undermentioned Districts of Bengal on the 26th September 1874.

THE SEER OF 80 TOLAS.

GRASS MILLET— CHOLUM, JOWAR.			LESSER MILLETS— RATTO OR MEHWA, AND CHRENA.			MAIZE OR INDIAN- CORN.			GRAM.			FILL-WOOD.			SALT.			DISTRICTS.
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
BENGAL.																		Western Districts.
S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16 0	15 12	17 0	100 0	100 0	...	8 8	9 0	9 0	Bardwan.
...	...	...	...	...	...	27 0	24 0	34 0	15 8	14 8	20 0	440 0	440 0	300 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	Bankoor.
...	...	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	...	14 0	14 0	18 0	240 0	240 0	200 0	8 0	8 4	8 12	Beerhoom.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 0	14 0	15 0	180 0	180 0	180 0	8 4	8 4	8 0	Midnapore.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0	15 0	18 0	120 0	120 0	120 0	8 0	8 0	9 0	Hooghly.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0	16 0	18 8	120 0	120 0	...	9 0	9 0	9 0	Howrah.
Central Districts.																		Calcutta.
14 0	14 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	14 0	...	15 0	16 0	...	100 0	100 0	...	8 0	8 0	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 4	14 14	20 0	100 0	100 0	...	8 0	8 0	8 12	24-Pergunnahs.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 4	15 9	20 0	100 0	110 0	120 0	8 10	8 7	8 10	Nuddea.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14 8	14 8	20 0	160 0	160 0	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	Jessore.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16 0	16 0	21 0	120 0	120 0	...	8 8	8 8	8 12	Moorsheadabad.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dinapore.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Maldah.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rajshahye.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0	15 0	16 5	107 0	107 0	107 0	7 8	7 8	6 4	Rungpore.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 4	12 0	15 0	67 8	67 8	60 0	7 8	7 8	7 8	Bogra.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0	15 0	20 4	200 0	200 0	...	8 4	8 4	8 4	Pubna.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Darjeeling.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Julpigoree.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cooch Behar.*
Eastern Districts																		Dacca.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 8	13 8	20 0	100 0	100 0	80 0	8 0	8 0	8 8	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	13 0	20 0	...	...	...	7 8	7 8	8 0	Furedpore.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 8	13 8	...	120 0	120 0	...	8 0	8 0	8 4	Backergunge.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 0	12 0	17 0	...	...	...	8 0	8 0	8 0	Mymensinga.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 0	13 0	16 0	107 0	107 0	107 0	8 0	8 0	8 12	Sylhet.†

H In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 7 to 13 seers, best rice 10 to 12-12 seers, common rice 11-8 to 16 seers, and gram 11 to 15 seers per rupee.

I In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 14 to 14-8 seers, best rice 8 to 11 seers, common rice 12 to 13 seers, and gram 10 to 17 seers per rupee.

J Prices of wheat and best rice easier, and common rice dearer in the Blownagunge Sub-division.

K In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 14 seers, best rice 10 seers, common rice 12-8 to 15 seers, and gram 13 to 14 seers per rupee.

L In the interior prices range as follow :—Best rice 10-8 to 13 seers, common rice 12-8 to 16 seers, paddy 25 to 40 seers, and gram 8 to 12 seers per rupee.

M In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 11 to 12 seers, best rice 10 seers, common rice 11 to 16 seers and gram 9-8 to 13 seers per rupee.

N In the interior prices range as follow :—Best rice 9 to 11-8 seers, common rice 11 to 15 seers, and gram 14-8 to 16-8 seers per rupee.

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Number.		DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE BY																							
			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, BEST SORT.			RICE, COMMON.			BULWUR MILLET— CUMBOO, RAJRA.											
			Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.
Eastern Districts—(Contd.)																										
23	Chittagong*	9 0	9 0	10 0	...	...	...	11 0	11 0	15 0	14 0	14 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24	Noakholly	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 0	9 0	17 0	11 0	11 0	23 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
25	Tipperah	11 0	11 0	12 0	...	...	...	8 0	8 0	19 0	12 8	12 8	24 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	13 5	10 10	10 10	16 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hill Tipperah	8 0	8 0	10 0	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	20 0	13 8	13 9	24 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
BEHAR.																										
27	Patna	17 0	17 0	24 0	20 8	22 0	31 4	12 0	12 0	...	14 0	14 0	21 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	P	14 0	13 8	10 12	16 8	17 0	17 0	8 8	8 8	9 8	13 0	12 8	11 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Q	14 8	14 8	13 12	20 0	10 0	31 8	10 4	10 4	13 8	11 8	11 4	16 0	18 0	18 0	17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
29	Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	R	13 8	13 8	11 8	18 0	18 0	26 0	6 8	6 0	15 0	14 0	14 0	17 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
30	Tirhoot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
31	Sarun	16 4	16 0	13 0	21 0	21 0	20 0	7 4	7 4	12 0	13 12	13 12	15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
32	Chumpran†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
33	Monghyr	16 8	16 7	13 6	23 1	23 1	27 3	9 4	9 4	12 6	13 6	12 6	15 7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
34	Bhagulpore	15 12	15 12	14 8	24 0	24 0	22 11	10 11	10 1	15 2	12 10	17 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
35	Purneah	15 0	15 0	11 0	...	...	...	12 8	12 8	13 8	18 0	18 0	14 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	S	13 0	12 0	13 0	16 0	15 0	20 0	9 0	9 0	15 0	10 0	10 0	18 0	15 0	15 0	17 0	22 8	22 8	30 0	...	...	...	...	...		
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs	13 0	12 0	13 0	16 0	15 0	20 0	9 0	9 0	15 0	10 0	10 0	18 0	15 0	15 0	17 0	22 8	22 8	30 0	...	...	...	...	...		
ORISSA.																										
37	Cuttack†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
38	Pooree	13 2	14 7	13 14	...	...	...	17 1	17 1	23 10	23 10	23 10	32 13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
39	Balasore...	10 0	11 8	12 0	...	...	...	16 0	16 0	18 0	21 0	22 0	38 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
CHOTA NAGPORE.																										
South-West Frontier Agency.																										
40	Hazareebagh	11 0	11 0	12 8	...	...	...	9 0	9 0	9 0	15 to 17	15 0	14 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
41	Lohardugga	12 0	13 0	13 0	19 0	20 0	...	18 0	18 0	14 0	22 0	22 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
42	Singbhoom*	11 0	11 0	18 0	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	18 0	22 0	21 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	D	11 0	11 0	18 0	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	18 0	22 0	21 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
43	Manbhoom	11 0	11 0	12 0	16 0	16 0	20 0	9 0	9 0	15 0	14 0	14 0	18 0	17 0	17 0	40 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	T	11 0	11 0	12 0	16 0	16 0	20 0	9 0	9 0	15 0	14 0	14 0	18 0	17 0	17 0	40 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

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† Return not received.

O In the interior prices range as follow:—Best rice 11 to 14 seers, and common rice 13 to 16 seers per rupee.

P In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 13 to 15-8 seers, barley 18 to 20 seers, best rice 10-8 to 13 seers, common rice 13-4 to 16 seers, lesser millet 30 to 35 seers, maize 20 to 27-8 seers, and gram 15-4 to 18 seers per rupee.

Q In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 13 to 15 seers, barley 16-8 to 20 seers, best rice 7-12 to 10 seers common rice 13 to 15 seers, bulrush millet 17-8 seers, maize 17 to 20 seers, and gram 15 to 18-8 seers per rupee.

CALCUTTA,
The 29th September 1874.

Districts of Bengal on the 26th September 1874.—(Continued.)

THE SEER OF 80 TOLAS.

GREAT MILLET— CHOLUM, JOWAR.			LESSER MILLETS— RAGI OR MURWA, AND CHHENA.			MAIZE OR INDIAN- CORN.			GRAM.			P. RE-WOOD.			SALT.			DISTRICTS.
Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	Present return.	Next preceding return.	Corresponding return of last year.	
Eastern Districts—(Contd.)																		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	16 0	120 0	120 0	120 0	7 4	7 4	8 0	Chittagong.*
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	10 0	16 0	280 0	280 0	...	8 0	7 8	7 8	Noakholly.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 8	12 8	16 0	...	...	...	8 0	8 0	8 12	Tipperah.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	280 0	280 0	320 0	6 6	6 6	7 0	Chittagong Hill Tracts.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 6	10 6	11 4	...	...	...	7 2	8 0	7 2	Hill Tipperah.
BEHAR.																		
21 0	23 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	20 0	34 8	20 0	22 0	34 8	150 0	150 0	...	7 8	7 8	8 0	Patna.
D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18 0	19 0	...	22 8	20 0	16 0	21 0	20 0	13 0	15 0	15 0	16 0	180 0	180 0	...	7 4	7 0	7 8	Gya.
D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
18 8	18 8	17 0	{ 18 0 to 20 0 }	{ 20 0 to 24 0 }	{ 20 0 to 24 0 }	20 0	20 0	19 0	19 0	19 0	25 0	160 0	160 0	160 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	Shahabad.
...	...	...	24 0	21 4	30 0	22 8	21 4	30 0	18 0	18 0	23 0	140 0	140 0	...	7 4	7 0	7 4	Tirhoot.
20 0	20 0	23 4	22 0	22 0	27 0	20 0	20 0	23 4	19 0	19 0	21 0	160 0	160 0	160 0	7 8	7 8	8 0	Saran.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Chumpanus †
...	...	...	...	...	...	22 0	22 0	26 1	21 0	21 0	23 1	147 0	147 0	...	7 8	7 8	7 8	Monghyr.
...	...	...	D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	26 0	26 0	40 0	24 0	25 4	30 5	19 9	20 3	23 5	164 2	151 8	...	7 14	7 4	8 3	Bhagulpore.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	{ 40 0 to 60 0 }	{ 32 0 to 60 0 }	{ 32 0 to 60 0 }	...	...	...	16 0	16 0	15 0	160 0	160 0	160 0	6 8	6 8	6 8	Purneah.
...	...	...	...	...	...	35 0	80 0	40 0	17 0	16 0	19 0	320 0	320 0	320 0	7 8	7 8	8 0	Sonthal Pergunnahs.
ORISSA.																		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cuttack. †
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21 0	21 0	22 5	100 0	100 0	105 0	12 0	12 0	10 0	Pooree.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 8	11 8	10 0	280 0	280 0	280 0	8 0	8 0	7 0	Balasore. †
CHOTA NAGPORE.																		
South-West Frontier Agency.																		
...	...	...	40 0	30 0	22 0	25 0	25 0	20 0	15 0	14 0	11 11	200 0	200 0	240 0	7 0	6 12	6 12	Hazareebagh.
...	...	...	36 0	32 0	32 0	30 0	28 0	24 0	17 8	17 0	13 0	180 0	180 0	180 0	6 8	6 8	6 0	Lohardugga.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 0	12 0	20 0	320 0	320 0	320 0	5 8	5 8	6 0	Singhboon.*
...	...	...	D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	40 0	32 0	40 0	40 0	50 0	40 0	12 8	12 0	17 0	220 0	220 0	240 0	7 8	7 8	7 4	Manbhoon.

R In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 11 to 16-8 seers, barley 13 to 24 seers, best rice 7 to 13 seers, common rice 9 to 16 seers, lesser millet 19 to 35 seers, maize 16-8 to 35 seers, and gram 13 to 22 seers per rupee.

S In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 10 to 17 seers, best rice 8-12 to 15-8 seers, common rice 10 to 16 seers, maize 30 to 60 seers, and gram 10 to 21 seers per rupee.

T In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 11 to 15 seers, best rice 10-8 to 18 seers, common rice 12-8 to 22 seers, maize 29 to 60 seers, and gram 10 to 16 seers per rupee.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 26th September 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
<i>Western Districts.</i>			
BUREWAN DIVISION.	1 Burdwan, 28th* Sep. 1874	1.46	Rainfall at Raneeungee 2.52, at Jehanabad 1.45, at Boodbood 2.86, at Culna .61, at Cutwa nil. Outturn of aous or early rice in Culna 10 annas. Prospects of the amun or late rice in Raneeungee, Jehanabad, and south of Damoodah, very fair. In Cutwa, more rain is wanted; in Bood-bood, a good deal of land about Kanno; and in north, Anagram is uncultivated. Floods near Gookarra have done some damage to the standing crops. Fever as before.
	2 Bankoora, 26th " "	0.98	Dry and hot during the early part of the week and showery towards the close. The crops continue to do well. The weather of late has been all that could be desired. The aous or early rice crop is being reaped, and some of the new rice is in the market. General health good.
	3 Beerbhoom, 26th " "	11.96	Wet weather. State and prospects of the crops continue good, abundance of rain having fallen; an interval of clear weather is now desirable. Prices stationary.
	4 Midnapore, 26th " "	2.82	After a break of about ten days, general rain set in again on the 23rd, and has been descending with intervals ever since. The state of the crops is generally favorable; a few more good showers during the next 25 days will secure an amun or late rice crop of rather above than below the average. The aous or early rice crop has also proved rather above than below the average.
	5 Hooghly, 26th " "	1.43	North-east wind for two days, and south and south-east during the remainder of the week. Weather cloudy and stormy on Friday night. Rain at Chunditolah 1.40, Kristonogore .85 inches. More rain is urgently required for the late rice crop and for the cold weather crops, and for filling the tanks. Aous crop is being reaped.
	Howrah, 26th " "	2.10	The weather for the last three days has been good, and promises to be persistent. Harvest prospects (of the cold weather crops) have been materially improved by the rain during the week, which has been general over the district. This rain has come too late to make the prospect brilliant in Joggedullahpore, but it has left a chance of perhaps a fair average crop in this thana. In all other thanas the prospects are decidedly bright.
<i>Central Districts.</i>			
PRESIDENCY DIVISION.	6 24-Pergunnahs, 28th† Sep. 1874.	3.90	Very hot and close during the first two days of the week, and rainy and cool during the remaining five days. Heavy showers fell during the week, which did great good to the late rice. The harvesting of aous or early rice is all but completed. Fever prevails in Barnast, Barripore, Satkhira, and Busecherat. It has abated considerably in Diamond Harbour.
	7 Noddes, 26th Sep. 1874	0.72	Hot during the early part of the week, but cool and cloudy with slight rain during the latter half. The weather has of late been all that could be wished for. The floods have been slowly subsiding except in Bongong, which of course is the sub-division last affected. On the whole, the floods have done good to the amun or late rice, and they came too late to hurt the aous or early rice very much. Teel (oil-seed), chillies, arhur (pulse), &c., in the low grounds and in the parts first inundated have been destroyed. Prices still very high, and show no signs of falling. This fact in the face of the generally good prospects in Bengal seems to show that the stocks are really very small, and to confirm the opinion that the aous crop has not been good.
	8 Jessore, 26th " "	2.42	Cloudy and sultry in the early part of the week, and heavy rain at the end. The inundation is subsiding, and it is not thought that the damage will be so serious as was feared. Outside the inundated area, the late copious rain has done much good, and the prospects are on the whole very good. In the north, the sowing of the cold weather crops, kallye (pulse) and peas, is commencing.
RAJSHAHIE DIV.	9 Moorshedabad, 26th Sep. 1874.	1.70	There has been ample rainfall during the week in almost all parts of the district. The weather was cloudy at the time of report. The late rice crops in the Bhurut-pore, Khargram, and Kalliangunge thanas have much improved. The seedlings recently transplanted are also doing well. Reports from other parts are equally favorable. Kalai (pulse) is being sown on low lands from which the floods are receding. No material change in prices since last report.
	10 Dinagepore, 25th Sep. 1874.	3.43	Showers all over the district, with hot and sunny intervals. Bhadoi or early crop has been all cut. The prospects of the hymnati or late rice crop are excellent: a bumper crop may be expected.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(Contd.)			
<i>Central Districts.—(Contd.)</i>			
RAJSHAHY DISTRICT.—(Contd.)	11 Maldah		Return not received.
	12 Rajshahye ...		Return not received.
	13 Itanagore, 25th Sep. 1874.	1.99	Weather hot during the first part of the week. Since then north-east wind blowing; stormy and cold. Reports of crops favorable. Transplantation coming to an end. Some low ground cultivation has been submerged in places, owing to excess of rain. Telegraphed on the 28th.—Rain since Friday 5 inches and a half.
	14 Bogra, 26th " "	5.19	During the week there has been again ample rainfall, and the prospects of the crops continue to be excellent. In all probability a bumper amun or late rice crop is expected, though there may be losses from inundation in isolated localities. General health good.
	15 Pubna, 26th " "	3.09	Weather dry. Heavy rain on 24th and 25th. The damage to the late rice crop by inundation is calculated to be two annas on the average. The prospects of this and other crops continue favorable. Fever continues.
COOCH BEHAR DISTRICT.	16 Darjeeling, 25th " "	3.97	During three or four days of the week little or no rain fell, but during the night of the 24th and morning of the 25th, it has been coming down in torrents. The crops continue to progress favorably. The abatement of rain during the early part of the week seems to have been considered as an advantage.
	17 Jalpigoree, 25th " "	7.06	Alternate rain and hot sun, with occasional heavy showers. Nothing could be finer than the prospects of the coming rice crop. Other crops promise well.
	Cooch Behar, 24th " "	4.82	Wet in beginning of week, afterwards fine. Prospects continue to be good.
<i>Eastern Districts.</i>			
DACCA DISTRICT.	18 Dacca, 28th* Sep. 1874.	2.05	Plentiful rain all over the district. Crops very good.
	19 Fureedpore, 26th " "	1.75	Excepting on Tuesday and Wednesday, rain throughout the week, and a severe storm on the afternoon of Friday. The water continues steadily falling all over the district, and the amun or late rice is in a very promising condition everywhere. The price of coarse rice is stationary at Goalundo, Bhanga, and Gopalgunge, and has slightly fallen at Fureedpore and Madareepore.
	20 Backergunge, 24th Sep. 1874.	2.65	Clear and hot. Prospects of crops good.
	21 Mymensingh, 25th Sep. 1874.	0.58	Bright and sunny. Heavy rain has again commenced since night of the 23rd, and the prospects of the late rice crop are exceedingly good.
	22 Sylhet		Return not received.
CHITTAGONG DISTRICT.	23 Chittagong, 24th Sep. 1874.	2.13	Hot and steamy weather, with rain at intervals. The situation is the same as last week, except that transplanting is nearer completion. There has been a fair amount of rain during the week, and the sky is still threatening. Cholera reported from Satkania, in the sudder sub-division.
	24 Noakholly, 24th Sep. 1874.	0.06	Weather for most part clear and very warm. The accounts so far received of the aous or early rice harvest are fairly satisfactory. The amun or late rice has been nearly transplanted, and promises well.
	25 Tipperah, 26th " "	.46	Hot, still, and dry. No rain at Brahmunberish sub-division. The late rice crop is reported in good condition in the eight southern thanas, but more rain is wanted in the four northern thanas. The outturn of the aous or early rice has been good.
	26 Chittagong Hill Tracts, 22nd Sep. 1874.	1.18	Cloudy every now and then. Excessively hot throughout the whole week. The paddy harvest still continues. Cotton plants are thriving, but they have not recovered the want of rain during July and August. Prospects, on the whole, fair.
BEHAR.	Hill Tipperah, 26th Sep. 1874.	0.25	Hot and cloudy; thunderstorm at 4 P.M., 23rd September. No change to report in the prospects of the crops. More rain wanted.
	27 Patna, 28th* Sep. 1874.	3.54	Rain from 20th to 26th and 28th September. Weather all that could be desired both for the paddy crop now on the land, and for the future prospects of the rubbee. Every appearance of more rain. Health of the district continues good.
	28 Gya, 26th " "	0.80	Seasonable weather. Bladoi or early crops harvested. Sathi paddy being reaped. Rice everywhere promising. Health generally good.

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BEHAR—(Contd.)			
PATNA DIVISION—(Contd.)	29 Shahabad, 26th Sep. 1874	0.90	Clear and hot at commencement of the week. Rain during the last two days with high east wind. The <i>Hatya Nachatra</i> commenced on the night of the 25th. Cloudy and showery at the time of report, and much cooler. The prospects of all the crops continue excellent. The bhadoi or early crop is coming into the market. The present break in the weather is all that could be desired for the aghani or late rice, and for preparing the land for the rubbee crops.
	30 Tirhoot, 26th " "	0.07	Cloudy and warm. In the Mudhoobunnee sub-division, rainfall during the week is 0.12 inches. Prospects of paddy crops continue to be most excellent, but rain is still required in the high lands. The later sown <i>gamrhi</i> continues to be reaped in places; its outturn has been very poor through want of sufficient rain in the beginning of its growth. Telegraphed on the 28th, 15 inches (<i>sic</i>) of rain since Thursday noon; the rice crop is looked on as quite safe. In the Tajpore sub-division, rainfall 0.18 inches. Paddy still holds out, but except in the flooded tracts, will yield little or nothing without heavy <i>Hatya</i> rains. Amun or late rice still being planted. Tobacco transplanting begun. In the Hajepore sub-division, bhadoi or early crop has been nearly harvested; it has turned out a splendid crop in all places in which it has not been destroyed by the late floods. The prospects of paddy are favorable, owing to a recent rainfall. In the Setamurhee sub-division, rainfall 0.30 inches. The rice plants are looking healthy. Cholera has abated in Shewhur. Fever prevalent as is usual at this season of the year. Report from Durlhanga has not been received. In the sudder sub-division, bhadoi or early crops have been harvested, and the outturn is expected to be from 10 to 12 annas. The late rain has done much good to the rice crop on high lands, and, if the rain continues a few days more the outturn will be an excellent one. Telegraphed on the 28th from Mozufferpore, rainfall from Friday morning to 6 A.M. of the 28th, 7.75 inches. Rain has been general in the western circle and elsewhere. The makai or Indian-corn has come into the market, and is selling at 23 seers per rupee.
	31 Saran 26th " "	0.63	Hot and clear in the early part of the week; cloudy with showers since Thursday; both east and west wind. Weather still stormy and threatening. Rain more or less general throughout the district, except within the jurisdiction of Moharajgunge, an outpost of thana Bussutpore, in the sudder sub-division; and Gopalgunge, an outpost of thana Buroulee; Roghunathpore and Goothni, outposts of thana Buroulee; in the Sewan sub-division, where there has been no rain. On the 21st there was a fall of 42 inches in part of the district where the previous rainfall had only been 22 inches, while at the same time there was none at all a few miles off. The bhadoi or early crops are being harvested and consumed, and coming into the markets. The aghani or late rice in the low lands is still doing well; in the higher lands it is being affected by drought. The late rain will have benefited the rice crop, but more is still anxiously looked for. Manufacture of indigo "khontee" (2nd cuttings) is still going on in some factories. Prices (wheat and common rice excepted) steady.
	32 Champaran, 25th Sep. 1874.	1.10	Very hot, bright, and sunny, with occasional heavy showers. General heavy rain set in on the day of report, much improving the prospects in the east and south-east. Elsewhere they continue most favorable.
	33 Monghyr, 26th Sep. 1874	1.98	High wind and rain. There has been a good rainfall during the past two days. The crop prospects generally are excellent.
BHAULPORE DIV.	34 Bhagulpore, 28th* " "	6.20	Very heavy and general rain throughout the district. Was raining hard at the time of report. Rainfall at Banka, 5.04; Sopoal, 11.09; Muddehpore, 4.40. The aghani or late rice crop throughout is perfectly safe, and must be a fine one, with a little more rain in middle of October. The crop will be far above the average. General health very good.
	35 Purneah, 26th " "	7.43	High wind from east, and rain since Thursday. The late rain will do good to the winter rice crop, which is now secured. There is every prospect of an extraordinarily large harvest.
	36 Sonthal Pergunnahs, 26th Sep. 1874.	4.66	Dry in sudder sub-division in early part of the week, then very favorable rain. At Deogurh 1.85; Rajmehal 1.1; Godda 4.32. A little more rain would do no harm in Rajmehal. Prospects everywhere good.
ORISSA:			
ODISHA DIVISION	37 Cuttack, 28th* Sep. 1874	3.79	Weather continues warm and showery. Crops thriving. Public health good.
	38 Pooree, 24th " "	1.07	Cloudy with slight rain. The early rice crop is ripening, and partly being reaped; and outturn fair in the parts not affected by floods. The late rice crop is being weeded, and also transplanted where it was destroyed by flood. The rivers have fallen, and no fresh damage has been caused. The prospects of the crops are fair. Sugarcane is doing well, and promises a good crop. Mandia, arhar and nowberhi (pulses) are growing well. Teel (oil-seed) is being harvested with an indifferent outturn. Prices stationary. Public health fair.
	39 Balasore, 25th " "	.94	First half of the week hot and dry, followed by a showery day, and two days of constant rain. This rain has been very opportune, and has enabled cultivators to resume their weeding, which had been interrupted.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	<i>South-West Frontier Agency.</i>		
40	Hazareebagh, 25th Sep. 1874.	1.3	Hot and sultry, with rain at intervals. The prospects continue good throughout the district. Gora dhan and murwa (millet) are being cut, and yielding an abundant harvest. Soorgoojah and kurthee are being sown, and other lands are being ploughed for the rubbee. Fever is becoming prevalent, but in other respects the public health is good.
41	Lohardugga, 26th Sep. 1874.	1.30	Seasonable weather. The harvest of bhadoi or early crops has, on the whole, been an excellent one, and the prospects of the late rice crop are very good indeed, but in Chota Nagpore Proper and Palamow. In the latter the lands are now being ploughed for rubbee crops. Prices easy. General health is good.
42	Singbhoom, 25th Sep. 1874.	1.85	Sunny during the first part of the week, cloudy latterly. Very favorable; crops looking exceedingly well. Outturn of gora rice a full average everywhere. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, 26th Sep. 1874.	1.43	Favorable, owing to the continued favorable state of the weather. The prospects of the crops have improved of late. There was a good fall of rain on the 24th instant, which has done much to improve the paddy on the high lands. The strong sun between the showers has had the effect of destroying the Bogi blight, with which the rice crops on these lands were attacked. These now are recovering, and may yet produce a crop, but it is not likely to be more than an 8-anna one. The health of the people and their condition are now good.

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Weekly Report of Rainfall compiled at the Meteorological Reporter's Office.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 6th to 12th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 13th to 19th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1st JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
BENGAL.							
BUREWAN.	WESTERN DISTRICTS.		Inches.	Inches.	1874.		
	Burdwan	Burdwan	3.05	0.20	48.71	19th Sept.	
		Cutwa	5.39	1.32	41.35	ditto	
		Culina	3.87	Nil	38.67	ditto	
		Bood-bood	1.57	1.37	41.67	ditto	
		Raneegunge	0.70	Nil	31.90	ditto	
	Jehanabad	2.03	2.36	36.17	ditto		
	Bankoora	Bankoora	1.61	1.01	42.33	ditto	
	Beerbhoom	Sooree	3.75	2.31	45.34	ditto	
	Midnapore	Midnapore	3.21	0.18	34.36	ditto	
		Tunlook	2.45	Nil	43.53	ditto	
		Gurbeta	4.13	1.24	44.16	ditto	
		Contai	{ Dy. Collr.'s Office	6.96	0.24	58.57	ditto
		{ Exe.-Engr.'s Office	8.50	Not rec.	62.23	12th Sept.	
	Hooghly	Hooghly	5.00	Nil	30.22	19th Sept.	
		Serampore	6.50	Nil	39.48	ditto	
	Howrah	Howrah	4.00	0.68	33.15	ditto	
FERRISAR.	CENTRAL DISTRICTS.						
	24-Pergunnahs	Saugor Island	4.30	0.80	54.74	ditto	
		Calcutta	4.91	1.35	41.46	ditto	
		Alipore { Dispensary	6.80	1.24	43.84	ditto	
		{ Jail	6.67	1.58	42.25	ditto	
		Busseerhaut	1.38	0.20	32.21	ditto	
		Baraset	1.60	1.03	37.78	ditto	
		Diamond Harbour	4.77	0.18	45.07	ditto	
		Barpore	3.01	0.01	38.60	ditto	
		Satkhira	2.46	1.99	31.87	ditto	
		Barrackpore	6.00	0.93	38.42	ditto	
		Dum-Dum	4.22	1.57	36.20	ditto	
	Nuddea	Kishnachur	5.76	1.47	43.90	ditto	
		Bongong	2.20	0.95	31.72	ditto	
		Meherpore	4.70	1.25	42.07	ditto	
		Choodangah	2.98	3.99	41.40	ditto	
		Kooshta	4.30	1.40	42.32	ditto	
		Ranaghat	4.05	1.03	39.32	ditto	
	Jessore	Jessore	5.16	0.38	42.88	ditto	
		Narail	4.20	2.81	46.06	ditto	
		Khoolna	4.10	2.50	44.78	ditto	
		Jhenida	3.97	1.73	45.41	ditto	
		Bagirhat	3.15	2.75	44.12	ditto	
		Magorah	6.29	0.55	41.55	ditto	
	Moorshedabad	Berhampore	1.83	3.25	36.46	ditto	
		Ram pore Hunt	7.61	Not rec.	43.49	12th Sept.	
		City Moorshedabad	1.72	0.32	35.64	19th Sept.	
		Jungpore	5.53	2.38	47.66	ditto	
		Azimungunge	2.15	0.43	39.43	ditto	
		Lalgolia	Not rec.	4.35	39.95	ditto	Not rec. 6th to 12th Sept.
	Dinapore	Dinapore	5.88	0.61	52.58	ditto	
	Maldah	Maldah	5.06	2.23	45.87	ditto	
	Rajshahye	Baraulah	2.57	4.34	40.00	ditto	
		Natore	2.19	2.3	61.03	ditto	
	Rungpore	Rungpore	4.70	1.12	72.16	ditto	
		Bhowanigunge	4.74	0.33	54.61	ditto	
		Titalya	10.76	10.40	103.32	ditto	
	Bogra	Bogra	6.52	2.30	71.15	ditto	
	Pubna	Pubna	2.10	2.09	45.31	ditto	
		Serajgunj	6.11	3.84	48.90	ditto	
	Darjeeling	Darjeeling { Telegraph Office	Not rec.	Not rec.	84.71	31st Aug.	
		{ Hospital	ditto	ditto	82.96	6th Sept.	
COCH BEHAR.	Julpigoree	Julpigoree	10.94	22.24	121.43	19th Sept.	
		Bodah	8.16	5.20	108.80	ditto	
		Buxa { Commissioner's Office	15.96	14.03	196.42	ditto	From 12th April.
		{ Civil Surgeon's	Not rec.	18.55	189.55	ditto	Not rec. 6th to 12th Sept.
	Cooch Behar Tributary State	Cooch Behar	11.61	8.96	135.84	ditto	

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 6th to 12th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 13th to 19th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1ST JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
BENGAL.—(Continued.)							
Dacca.	EASTERN DISTRICTS.		Inches.	Inches.	1874.		
	Dacca	{ Dacca... { Telegraph Office ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	40·80	5th Sept.	Not rec. 12th to 6th Sept.
		{ Hospital ...	4·98	0·00	45·81	19th Sept.	
		{ Moonshaugunge ...	4·86	0·13	54·91	ditto	
		{ Manickgunge ...	7·25	0·19	43·98	ditto	
	Fureedpore	{ Fureedpore ...	8·47	0·95	53·85	ditto	
		{ Goalundo ...	7·62	0·32	44·47	ditto	
		{ Madaripore ...	Not rec.	1·85	51·95	ditto	
	Backergunge	{ Barisal ...	3·68	0·67	52·57	ditto	
		{ Perozepore ...	Nil	3·35	39·01	ditto	
		{ Patoakhally ...	Nil	2·76	60·85	ditto	
		{ Dowlatkhan ...	Nil	0·65	60·63	ditto	
	Mymensingh	{ Mymensingh ...	5·51	1·55	67·41	ditto	
		{ Jamalpore ...	3·21	2·95	53·10	ditto	
		{ Atia ...	0·50	3·40	44·33	ditto	
{ Kishoregunge ...		5·53	3·54	60·95	ditto		
Sylhet	Sylhet	10·40	7·19	130·88	ditto		
CHITTAGONG.	Chittagong	{ Chittagong { Telegraph Office ...	6·40	2·40	73·39	ditto	
		{ Jail ...	6·65	3·06	69·39	ditto	
	{ Cox's Bazar ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	80·15	6th Sept.		
	Noakholly	Noakholly	11·09	2·29	90·56	19th Sept.	
	Tipperah	{ Comillah ...	4·75	1·35	62·85	ditto	
		{ Brahmunberiah ...	2·12	0·48	42·61	ditto	
Chittagong Hill Tracts	Rungamatee Hill	3·28	4·19	60·17	ditto		
Hill Tipperah	Hill Tipperah	3·22	1·52	51·96	ditto		
BEHAR.							
PATNA.	Patna	{ Patna ...	3·14	0·32	38·41	ditto	
		{ Behar ...	0·70	Nil	34·33	ditto	
		{ Barh ...	0·54	Nil	28·31	ditto	
		{ Dinapore { Jail ...	2·60	0·40	42·60	ditto	
			{ Cantonment ...	2·55	0·35	42·57	
	Gya	{ Gya ...	1·21	Nil	39·87	ditto	
		{ Nowadah ...	1·90	1·25	47·45	ditto	
		{ Arungabad ...	6·04	0·30	56·27	ditto	
		{ Jehanabad ...	0·75	Nil	44·31	ditto	
	Shahabad	{ Arrah ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	42·71	5th Sept.	
		{ Sasseram ...	ditto	ditto	41·70	ditto	
		{ Buxar ...	ditto	ditto	38·59	ditto	
		{ Bhuboah ...	ditto	ditto	54·48	ditto	
	Tirhoot	{ Mozufferpore ...	1·24	0·68	31·07	19th Sept.	
		{ Darbhanga ...	4·25	0·37	45·47	ditto	
		{ Hajepore ...	2·46	Nil	39·07	ditto	
		{ Madhoelunnee ...	4·04	0·80	37·55	ditto	
		{ Seetamurhee ...	0·86	1·81	31·86	ditto	
	Saran	{ Tajpore ...	0·71	0·68	33·25	ditto	
		{ Chupra ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	35·14	5th Sept.	
	Chumpanan	{ Sewan ...	ditto	ditto	33·87	ditto	
		{ Motiharee ...	2·57	0·15	35·31	19th Sept.	
		{ Bettiah ...	1·68	Not rec.	43·40	12th Sept.	
	Monghyr	{ Monghyr ...	3·48	1·42	46·06	19th Sept.	
		{ Begoe Serai ...	0·23	0·01	24·10	ditto	
		{ Jamoeoe ...	0·50	0·76	39·95	ditto	
	Bhagulpore	{ Bhagulpore ...	0·87	0·11	38·47	ditto	
		{ Soopool ...	4·12	2·05	63·21	ditto	
		{ Muddehpooora ...	3·30	2·90	63·08	ditto	
		{ Banka ...	0·84	2·02	41·16	ditto	
		{ Sanbora ...	5·22	0·63	50·70	ditto	
	Purneah	{ Purneah ...	2·98	2·04	56·93	ditto	
		{ Kismungunge ...	3·76	4·25	77·40	ditto	
		{ Arrareah ...	2·34	Not rec.	68·45	12th Sept.	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	{ Deoghur ...	8·14	0·27	46·27	19th Sept.	
		{ Rajmahal ...	6·90	0·80	35·70	ditto	
		{ Nya Doomka ...	4·36	0·71	48·03	ditto	
		{ Godda ...	4·34	4·45	36·00	ditto	

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 6th to 12th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 13th to 19th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1ST JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
ORISSA.	Cuttack ...	Cuttack ... { Telegraph Office	3.30	1.60	67.46	19th Sept.	
		... { Hospital	5.07	3.00	70.72	ditto	
		Jajpore	4.25	2.20	48.15	ditto	
		Kendrapara	1.80	0.20	38.80	ditto	
		Jugatsingapore	0.70	0.40	38.60	ditto	
		False Point	5.40	0.25	67.06	ditto	
	Pooree ...	Pooree	2.41	0.44	42.44	ditto	
		Khoordah	5.99	2.80	68.87	ditto	
	Balasore ...	Balasore	3.98	Nil	39.20	ditto	
		Bhuddruck	6.12	2.43	45.15	ditto	
		Jellasore	6.52	0.17	55.83	ditto	
		Sorah	6.91	0.66	60.07	ditto	
		Chandbally	2.55	0.82	42.82	ditto	
	Cuttack Tributary	Mehals Sambalpur	0.50	1.26	62.92	ditto	
	CHOTA NAGPORE.						
	SOUTH-WESTERN FRONTIER AGENCY.						
	Hazareebagh ...	Hazareebagh ... { Jail	3.71	0.03	48.18	ditto	
		... { Dispensary	3.59	0.09	63.09	ditto	
	Lohardugga ...	Pachumba	4.91	0.23	47.64	ditto	
		Ranchee	3.42	2.25	59.85	ditto	
	Singbhoom ...	Palamow	4.35	1.10	61.30	ditto	
		Chybassa	1.15	1.28	48.05	ditto	
	Manbhoom ...	Purulia	9.25	Not rec.	40.62	12th Sept.	
		Govindpore	3.97	ditto	48.22	ditto	
	ASSAM & ADJACENT HILLS.						
	Cachar ...	Koyah	7.29	2.92	98.06	19th Sept.	
		Seebaugor	1.09	Not rec.	116.85	12th Sept.	
	Seebaugor ...	Golaghat	1.84	ditto	88.00	ditto	
		Jorahant	1.20	ditto	96.25	ditto	
		Nazareth	Not rec.	ditto	111.60	5th Sept.	
		Deopanie	ditto	ditto	80.74	ditto	
		Hattipootie	ditto	ditto	100.35	ditto	
		Suntack	ditto	ditto	118.06	ditto	
		Mazengah	ditto	ditto	103.60	ditto	
		Cherideo	ditto	ditto	114.02	ditto	
	Benares Akyab	Benares	1.89	ditto	53.83	12th Sept.	
		Akyab	4.70	4.70	115.60	18th Sept.	

CALCUTTA,
The 26th September 1874.

W. G. WILLSON,
Offg. Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of Bengal.

Meteorological Telegraphic Report for the period, 20th to 26th Sept. 1874.

STATION.	Date.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	Barometer reduced to sea-level.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity, Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	Clouds.	Weather initials.		
					Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.					
CALCUTTA.	Sept. 20th	10	29.764	29.783	88.0	81.3	74	SSE	...	...	K			
	16	29.638	29.656	88.5	82.3	70	SSE	...	...	...	K			
	21st	10	29.700	29.718	88.0	81.0	72	S	...	...	K			
	16	29.556	29.574	90.5	81.3	69	SSE	...	...	...	K, C			
	22nd	10	29.724	29.742	89.0	82.0	73	SE	...	...	...			
	16	29.571	29.589	93.3	82.5	60	SE	...	...	...	S			
	23rd	10	29.646	29.664	88.6	83.0	77	ESE	...	...	...			
	16	29.518	29.536	81.5	79.5	91	NW	...	...	2.04	...	o		
	24th	10	29.649	29.667	81.0	79.0	91	SE	...	0.31	...	...	o	
	16	29.548	29.566	80.5	79.0	93	SSW	...	0.27	...	...	o, d		
	25th	10	29.688	29.706	81.2	79.7	93	SE	...	0.13	...	...	o, d	
	16	29.551	29.569	83.8	81.4	89	SSE	...	0.17	...	...	o, r		
26th	10	29.764	29.782	77.5	76.8	96	SSE	...	0.42	...	...	o, r		
16	29.659	29.677	79.7	78.5	95	S by E	...	0.04	...	...	...			
SAGOR ISLAND.	Sept. 20th	10	29.770	29.776	88	81	72	S	4.0	...	N	b, v		
	16	29.657	29.663	87	80	72	S	10.2	...	KS	b, v			
	21st	10	29.753	29.759	87	81	76	S	3.1	0.10	N	b, v		
	16	29.647	29.653	83	81	91	SE	8.8	...	N	...	b, v, scuds.		
	22nd	10	29.730	29.726	88	81	72	N E	2.0	...	N	b, v		
	16	29.589	29.595	88	81	72	SSE	3.3	0.40	N	...	b, v, t, u		
	23rd	10	29.662	29.668	86	82	83	SE	2.8	0.30	N	b, v		
	16	29.541	29.547	87	82	79	S	5.9	...	N	...	o, t, u		
	24th	10	29.643	29.649	82	79	87	SE	5.0	0.90	N	...	o, g	
	16	29.544	29.550	83	79	83	SE	11.2	0.10	N	...	o, w, g, scuds.		
	25th	10	29.075	29.081	85	80	79	SE	5.1	0.30	N	...	o, p, u, scuds.	
	16	29.576	29.582	84	81	87	SE	14.8	0.10	N	...	o, p, v		
26th	10	29.777	29.783	81	79	91	S	6.9	0.00	N	...	o, r		
16	29.671	29.677	82	79	87	SE	8.9	0.10	N	...	d, o			
CHITTAGONG.	Sept. 20th	10	29.720	29.812	85	81	83	SSE	2.1	0.60	C, CK	b, r		
	16	29.608	29.700	85	80	79	NW	4.0	...	KS	r, z			
	21st	10	29.651	29.743	85	79	75	S	2.3	...	K	b, v		
	16	29.621	29.713	84	80	83	WNW	7.5	...	K, KS	g			
	22nd	10	29.660	29.752	86	81	79	WNW	1.9	...	K	b, v		
	16	29.506	29.598	85	80	79	WSW	5.0	...	KE	...	g		
	23rd	10	29.583	29.675	84	79	79	ESE	3.4	0.70	KS	u		
	16	29.492	29.584	85	81	83	SSW	4.8	...	K, KS	...	u		
	24th	10	29.641	29.733	85	79	75	E	3.9	0.70	CK, K	b, v		
	16	29.588	29.681	79	78	95	ESE	6.0	0.90	N	...	r, t, l		
	25th	10	29.705	29.797	83	78	78	E	5.1	...	KS	...	u	
	16	29.608	29.700	85	80	79	SSW	11.8	...	CK	b, v			
26th	10	29.709	29.861	85	80	79	S	3.7	...	K	...	u		
16	29.695	29.788	81	78	86	SW	12.5	...	K, KS	...	u			
MADRAS.	Sept. 19th	10	29.770	29.800	86	77	84	W by S	10	0.02	...	b, c		
	16	29.661	29.691	89	80	66	WNW	4	...	...	...	c		
	20th	10	29.816	29.846	83	77	75	W by S	6	0.01	...	...	o	
	16	29.676	29.706	84	77	68	W	4	...	...	...	cloudy.		
	21st	10	29.736	29.766	85	75	60	W by S	13	...	...	...	cloudy.	
	16	29.591	29.621	89	78	59	SW by W	12	...	...	...	cloudy.		
	22nd	10	29.695	29.725	84	75	64	WSW	9	...	...	...	cloudy.	
	16	29.577	29.607	78	75	86	NW	7	...	...	...	cloudy.		
	23rd	10	29.672	29.702	84	78	75	WSW	9	0.30	...	...	cloudy.	
	16	29.561	29.591	87	78	65	NW by W	6	...	...	...	cloudy.		
	24th	10	29.690	29.720	82	75	70	SW by W	9	...	...	...	cloudy.	
	16	29.585	29.615	86	77	64	SW by W	7	...	...	...	cloudy.		
25th	10	29.716	29.746	85	73	64	SW	12	...	...	...	cloudy.		
16	29.692	29.622	90	76	50	SW by S	11	...	...	...	cloudy.			
CUTTACK.	Sept. 20th	10	29.678	29.780	86	81	79	NNE	0.8	...	C, KS	...		
	16	29.564	29.646	86	81	79	W	2.5	...	C, KS, N	...			
	21st	10	29.620	29.708	88	81	72	NE	1.4	...	C, K, N	...		
	16	29.492	29.574	80	81	69	SE	2.8	...	C, K, N	...			
	22nd	10	29.507	29.589	86	80	70	ESE	2.2	...	CK, N	...		
	16	29.616	29.698	87	81	79	NE	5.2	0.10	...	K, C			
	23rd	10	29.596	29.678	86	81	79	NE	2.6	...	CK, KS, C	...		
	16	29.503	29.586	82	79	87	SE	1.8	0.30	...	CS, C	v		
	24th	10	29.545	29.627	83	79	83	ESE	0.8	...	C, CK, N	...		
	16	29.445	29.629	81	78	86	SSE	5.4	...	C, CS, N	...			
	25th	10	29.507	29.690	81	78	86	NE	2.0	0.50	...	KS, N	p	
	16	29.457	29.539	86	79	72	SSE	2.9	0.10	N	...	C, CK, N		
26th	10	29.664	29.747	82	79	87	ESE	1.7	0.30	N	...	c		
16	29.553	29.635	83	79	83	S	3.7	...	K, N, C	...				
AKHIE.	Sept. 20th	10	29.705	29.817	85	80	79	NE	2.1	1.00	...	...	b	
	16	29.663	29.690	85	80	79	E	4.8	...	...	...	b		
	21st	10	29.719	29.740	88	81	72	SE	2.1	...	...	...	b	
	16	29.550	29.601	86	81	79	S	5.5	...	...	...	b		
	22nd	10	29.712	29.733	85	81	83	E	1.3	0.20	...	...	g	
	16	29.567	29.588	86	82	83	SE	2.5	...	...	...	b		
	23rd	10	29.677	29.698	84	79	79	SE	2.7	0.10	...	...	b	
	16	29.588	29.610	82	80	91	S	6.1	...	...	...	d		
	24th	10	29.747	29.759	80	79	95	SSE	5.2	1.80	...	...	d	
	16	29.672	29.693	84	79	79	S	8.5	...	...	...	d, b		
	25th	10	29.814	29.835	84	81	87	SE	5.6	0.40	...	...	b, g	
	16	29.712	29.733	84	80	83	SW	6.0	...	...	...	b		
26th	10	29.851	29.872	85	88	83	SE	3.3	0.20	...	...	b		
16	29.737	29.758	86	81	79	E	6.5	...	...	...	b			

* Velocity of wind in miles per hour.

CALCUTTA,
The 26th September 1874.W. G. WILLSON,
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Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office,
Calcutta, from 15th to 21st September 1874.

Month.	Date.	Mean reduced barometer.	THERMOMETER.			Mean dry bulb.	Mean wet bulb.	Computed mean dew-point.	Mean degree of humidity.	WIND.			Rain.	Moon's phase.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest reading.	Lowest reading.	Max. solar radiation.					Pervailing direction.	Max. pressure.	Daily velocity.			
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			H	Miles.	In.		
Sept.	15th	29.731	89.0	79.5	145.0	83.4	80.5	78.5	0.86	S W & S by W	...	114.4	...	...	Cirri and cirrostrati, cumuli, and overcast. Sheet lightning on north-east at 10½ P.M.
	16th	750	87.0	80.5	126.5	83.0	80.7	79.1	.90	S by W & S by E	...	130.5	...	...	Overcast, cirro cumuli and stratos. Thunder at 2½ P.M.
	17th	726	90.5	79.5	146.7	83.7	80.2	77.7	.83	S by E & S	...	108.8	...	...	Clear, cumuli and cirri, Sheet lightning on north from 7 to 11 P.M.
	18th	656	90.0	80.0	147.9	84.4	80.6	77.0	.81	S by E & S	...	124.7	...	...	Clear, cirri and cumuli.
	19th	662	90.3	81.0	143.5	84.0	81.0	78.0	.85	S by E & S	...	127.5	...	☾	Clear, cumuli and cirri. Sheet lightning on north-west at 7 P.M.
	20th	696	91.7	80.5	147.3	84.8	81.0	78.3	.81	S & S S E	...	91.8	...	...	Cirri and cumuli. Drizzled at 2 P.M.
	21st	642	91.6	81.0	143.2	85.4	81.1	78.1	.80	S	...	72.0	...	...	Clear, cumuli and cirri. Drizzled at 5 P.M.

The mean barometer as likewise the dry and wet bulb thermometer means are derived from the twenty-four hourly observations made during the day.

The dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column 10 represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1½ feet, and that of the anemometer 70 feet 10 inches above the level of the ground. The velocity of wind, as indicated by Robinson's anemometer, is registered from noon to noon.

The extreme variation of temperature during the past seven days	...	12.2	°
The maximum temperature during the past seven days	...	91.7	
The maximum temperature during the corresponding period of the past year	...	91.0	
The mean humidity during the past seven days	...	0.84	
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year	...	0.84	
			Inches.
The total fall of rain from 15th to 21st	... { by lower rain gauge	...	Nil
	{ by anemometer gauge	...	Nil
Ditto ditto ditto, average of twenty previous years		...	2.80
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 21st September		...	41.46
Ditto ditto ditto, average of twenty previous years		...	59.50

GOPEENATH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

The 26th September 1874.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

CALCUTTA AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 19th September 1874, on 28 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.			* MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.			Total traffic receipts.
	Number of passengers.	* Coaching receipts.		Weight carried.	Receipts.		
		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week	9,012	1,046 0 0	104 12 0	10,829 0	311 0 0	31 2 0	135 14 0
Or per mile of railway	322	37 8 0	3 15 0	387 0	11 0 0	1 2 0	4 17 0
For previous 11 weeks of half-year...	68,220	9,270 0 0	927 18 0	1,29,019 0	3,870 0 0	387 0 0	1,314 18 0
Total for 12 weeks	77,232	10,325 0 0	1,032 10 0	1,39,848 0	4,181 0 0	418 2 0	1,450 12 0
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,308	735 1 6	73 10 2	18,171 0	627 6 3	65 14 9	189 4 11
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year	154	26 4 0	2 12 6	640 0	23 7 8	2 6 11	4 19 5
Total to corresponding date of previous year	49,970	8,533 14 9	853 7 9	2,10,655 0	7,164 2 3	716 8 3	1,609 16 0

NALHATI STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 19th September 1874, on 27½ miles open.

		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week	925	1,174 0 0	117 8 0	2,855 0	247 0 0	24 14 0	142 2 0
Or per mile of railway	34	43 0 0	4 6 0	345 0	9 0 0	0 18 0	3 4 3
For previous 11 weeks of half-year...	11,552	8,729 0 0	872 0 0	1,19,905 0	7,903 0 0	796 6 0	1,609 6 0
Total for 12 weeks	12,477	9,804 0 0	980 5 0	1,22,760 0	8,210 0 0	821 0 0	1,810 8 0
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,309	1,070 7 1	107 0 11	5,346 39	486 8 3	48 13 1	155 14 0
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year	51	30 4 6	3 18 7	196 0	17 13 8	1 15 8	5 14 3
Total to corresponding date of previous year	15,286	11,060 5 4	1,106 0 8	45,313 20	4,287 2 9	428 14 4	1,334 15 0

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY—MAIN LINE.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 19th September 1874, on 1,280 miles open.

		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week	114,075	1,43,614 2 6	13,164 13 7	6,53,122 20	3,08,919 7 9	28,317 12 0	41,453 5 0
Or per mile of railway	89	112 3 2	10 5 8	5,100 0	241 5 6	22 3 6	33 8 3
For previous 11 weeks of half-year...	1,078,560	12,92,745 8 8	118,501 18 0	85,74,642 30	37,47,333 4 5	3,43,505 11 0	465,907 4 6
Total for 12 weeks	1,192,435	14,36,359 11 2	131,666 6 1	95,32,765 10	40,56,252 12 2	3,71,829 3 5	505,489 9 6
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year	101,001	1,22,371 11 0	11,217 8 1	6,66,903 0	3,06,999 10 6	28,141 12 9	39,329 6 10
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year	78	95 0 8	8 15 3	5,190 0	239 13 6	21 19 9	30 15 0
Total to corresponding date of previous year	1,194,952	14,40,496 10 9	132,945 10 7	95,04,464 20	28,74,969 2 10	2,65,638 16 10	395,584 7 5

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY—JUBBULPORE LINE.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 19th September 1874, on 223½ miles open.

		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week	4,318	8,599 11 9	787 9 8	31,546 0	11,326 4 0	1,031 16 6	1,519 6 2
Or per mile of railway	19	38 7 0	3 10 0	140 0	50 5 10	4 12 4	6 10 0
For previous 11 weeks of half-year...	41,076	91,803 5 1	8,420 16 1	5,58,691 0	1,63,421 14 6	14,888 13 6	23,309 0 7
Total for 12 weeks	45,394	1,00,454 0 10	9,208 5 9	5,90,237 0	1,73,678 2 6	15,920 10 0	25,128 16 0
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,175	8,305 4 0	769 18 2	42,575 0	12,341 5 9	1,131 5 7	1,808 3 0
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year	14	37 6 11	3 8 7	180 0	55 3 6	5 1 3	8 9 10
Total to corresponding date of previous year	40,851	1,00,691 2 2	9,221 15 5	3,51,514 10	1,19,035 4 0	10,917 1 3	20,189 16 8

EASTERN BENGAL RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for Week ended 19th September 1874, on 158½ miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.			MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.			Total traffic receipts.
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.		Weight carried.	Receipts.		
		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week ...	24,813	16,323 8 3	1,406 6 5	1,88,128 15	71,730 8 9	6,575 6 0	8,071 12 5
Or per mile of railway ...	157	103 2 5	9 9 1	1,189 0	453 4 5	41 11 0	51 0 1
For previous 10 weeks of half-year...	275,674	1,57,390 8 1	14,418 9 4	11,89,432 3	4,60,455 15 5	41,291 15 10	55,710 5 2
Total for 11 weeks ...	300,487	1,73,714 0 4	15,814 15 9	12,77,560 18	5,32,186 8 2	47,807 1 10	63,781 17 7
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	28,200	17,203 13 0	1,577 0 5	2,45,479 35	80,830 8 11	7,409 9 4	8,986 9 0
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year ...	178	108 11 5	9 19 4	1,551 0	510 12 5	46 16 5	56 15 9
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	323,678½	1,83,518 15 7	16,822 11 11	17,11,944 22	4,84,049 15 8	44,371 4 10	61,193 16 9



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CALCUTTA COURT OF SMALL CAUSES FOR 1873-74.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 1st October 1874.

READ—

A letter No. 35 of 24th July 1874, from the Judges of the Calcutta Court of Small Causes, being their Annual Report for the year 1873-74.

LAST year's report showed a considerable increase in litigation, which was attributed partly to the increased briskness in trade. From the present report it would appear that this increase has not been entirely sustained. The suits instituted in 1873-74 were 34,583 in number, against 34,843 in the previous year. The amount under litigation was Rs. 16,11,535-5-1, or Rs. 11,575-2-10 less than in the previous year. The decrease this year, such as it is, in the business of the Small Cause Court, is perceptible chiefly in the class of cases under ten rupees, and calls for no special remarks. The Judges of the Court point out that cases of distress for rents have fallen off by more than 50 per cent., and apprehend that difficulties have been thrown in the way of the

recovery of just dues by the rulings of the High Court, which were specially noticed in the previous report. Now that it is known, however, that tiled huts cannot be seized in the execution of decrees, it seems probable that landlords have made other arrangements to meet the difficulty, and to secure themselves from loss. It is certainly not a matter for regret that they should be able to do so without an increased resort to the courts.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor cannot view without some apprehension the increasing resort which is had to the practice of granting bench-warrants for the arrest of defendants before judgment, and before the hearing of suits. Open to abuse as was the previous practice of issuing short-date summonses, the public will have gained little by its abolition if a practice still more calculated to be oppressive is introduced. The Lieutenant-Governor thinks it right to suggest the caution that no such warrants should be issued unless the process be justified by strong reasons based on carefully ascertained facts. The Judges must bear in mind that it rests with the criminal courts to repress fraud and crime by the punishment of offenders, and that it rests with them to aid these courts by a strict and prompt inquiry in every case where a resort to fraudulent and dishonest practices is suspected. The policy of the law is plainly indicated by its withholding from them the power of attaching property before judgment. Whether this power shall be granted—and if so, under what limitations—is a question which may be discussed when the Acts under which the court is constituted come under revision.

3. Of suits instituted during the year, 5,940 were English and 25,643 Native suits. The claims made chiefly concerned goods sold and delivered, rent, wages, and money lent. Of 35,789 cases set down for hearing during the year, 11,557 were compromised; 9,242 cases only were tried out, or 765 less than the previous year. In nearly six of these cases out of seven, decree was in favor of plaintiffs, who in addition gained 6,902 cases decided *ex parte*. On the other hand, they lost 6,628 cases, which were struck off in default or on non-suit. Of 1,460 cases pending at the close of the year, 1,240 were not triable till the following year. The number of cases which stood adjourned was 103 less than in the previous year, and about one-half of them stood over, either at the request of the parties or for arbitration.

4. The distribution of the work, so far as it is to be gathered from the statements rendered, refers only to the cases decreed wholly or partially in favor of plaintiffs, and was as follows:—

		<i>Ex parte</i> cases.	Cases tried out.	Total.
1st Judge	...	381	475	856
2nd Judge	...	1,346	2,021	3,367
3rd Judge	...	1,484	1,973	3,457
4th Judge	...	1,390	2,028	3,418
5th Judge	...	2,301	1,362	3,663
Total	...	6,902	7,859	14,761

The disproportion of the work disposed of by the First Judge, compared with that disposed of by the others, continues to be marked, and is not altogether explained by the larger value of the suits heard by him.

5. The decrease in litigation has been accompanied by a falling off of Rs. 12,352-13, or more than 5½ per cent. on the receipts of last year. The total amount of fees realised was Rs. 2,02,865-7-0. Adding fines, refunds, and unclaimed suitors' money, the net amount credited to Government was Rs. 2,07,759-3-0, against an expenditure of Rs. 1,60,532-6-1. The receipts and payments on account of suitors were Rs. 3,41,187-2-3 and Rs. 3,32,970-11-10 respectively. If the amount of property under litigation is accepted as any criterion of the improved circumstances of the community, or of the appreciation of the Small Cause Court system, the increase in the business and in the receipts of the Court since its first institution, more than twenty years ago, must be accepted as gratifying.

ORDERED that copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Judges of the Calcutta Small Cause Court for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,
RIVERS THOMPSON,
Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT OF THE ORISSA DIVISION FOR
THE YEAR 1873-74.

RESOLUTION.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 2960.

Calcutta, the 14th September 1874.

READ—

The Annual General Report of the Orissa Division for the year 1873-74.

The Report, though due on the 30th of June, was not received till the 10th of August. The delay appears to have arisen from the Pooree district report not having been sent to the Commissioner till the 29th of June. The Collector of Pooree should not have allowed the delay to occur.

2. *Weather and Crops.*—The rainfall for the year was greatly below that of 1872-73, and was less evenly distributed. The average rainfall of the division for the year under review was 49·44 inches, that for the previous year being 72 inches. In Cuttack only 44·55 inches fell, whilst in Pooree and Balasore the fall was a little above 55 inches and 48 inches respectively. It was noticed in last year's report that the excessive rains had caused partial floods, but that the harvest was a remarkably good one. It is satisfactory to know that in the present year, with a rainfall one-third less, the crop was an average one, or nearly so. This favourable result was owing to there having been sufficient rain during the cultivating period, and to the opportune fall of rain in the early part of October. In an area of about 100 square miles, in the Balasore district only, was the harvest a failure. No serious suffering, however, was thereby caused. The distress was met by local subscriptions, and by supplying the people with employment on the High Level Canal and on embankment works.

3. *Price of Food.*—Prices of rice fluctuated from 16 to 45 seers for the rupee: taking the whole division, the average price was about 30 or 32 seers. The high price in Balasore from November to January appears to have been due to the demand for rice for exportation; but it is stated that these high prices were local, and caused very little inconvenience. The table given in paragraph 26 shows that in Cuttack prices were very little, if at all, higher than in 1872, although the harvest of that year is reported to have been an exceptionally good one. It may be said altogether that neither the demand for exportation nor the vicissitudes of the season affected trade and prices so much as might have been apprehended; and this is a very satisfactory symptom, as tending to show the existence of reserve stocks and general soundness of trade.

Wages are reported to have been for the most part stationary, but the information given on this point is somewhat imperfect, and more might have been said of the earnings of different kinds of skilled labourers. In last year's report the Commissioner noticed that in Balasore many classes of artisans were taking to agriculture, being driven out of the industrial field by imported goods. It is very desirable to know whether this movement is still going on, and the Lieutenant-Governor begs that the subject may be noticed more fully in future reports.

4. *Public Health.*—On the whole, the health of the division seems to have been good, and there was no serious outbreak of disease. The reported deaths in the Cuttack district were 17,051, being a decrease of 1,660 as compared with the preceding year. This statement would have been more valuable if there had been some explanation as to whether the decrease was owing to real improvement in the public health, or to defective reporting of deaths. In paragraph 55 of the report, it is indeed said that the mortuary returns are now obtained with very tolerable correctness, but a total of 17,051 deaths in a population of 1,495,784 can scarcely be termed tolerably correct. In Pooree the deaths in hospital increased in a greater ratio than the number of patients treated, and there is reason to think that in these hospital returns deaths occurring among out-patients are often not shown.

5. *Material condition.*—The Lieutenant-Governor notices with much satisfaction that an officer of Mr. Ravenshaw's local experience can state as

an ascertained fact that there is a marked improvement in the general condition of the people, and a decided tendency to enlightenment and progress. The remarks made under the foregoing head are further borne out by the Commissioner's observations regarding the diminution of the old prejudice against travelling by sea. It appears that the sea route *via* Chandbally is now largely resorted to both by pilgrims to Pooree, and by servants travelling between Orissa and Calcutta.

The successful commencement which has been made in coal exploration at Talchere is encouraging. The professional report as to the quality of the coal seems to be hopeful; and it is not improbable, as the Commissioner remarks, that the quality of the coal will improve as the seam is worked further from the surface.

It might be practicable to establish a *dépôt* of local coal at False Point for the use of steamers. The Commissioner is requested to furnish further information as to the results of the testing of the coal which has already been raised.

6. *Trade and Commerce.*—The Balasore Collector remarks that 13,57,327 maunds of rice were exported from his district during the year, and the Commissioner accepts this estimate as correct, though he points out that a large portion of the Balasore export was the produce of the Cuttack district. Of this amount, 5,05,000 maunds are said to have been exported by land. These figures are merely an estimate, and the Lieutenant-Governor would wish to know how they are checked, and whether there is good reason to suppose that they are really an approximation to the truth. The total sea export of food-grains from the division was 12,84,881 maunds, the value of which amounted to about two-thirds of the total exports of the year: above one-third of this amount was purchased on Government account. The table appended to paragraph 33 shows a large expansion of trade during the year, the value of both exports and imports having more than doubled as compared with 1872-73. The Commissioner is of opinion that the greater part of this increase is permanent, but the grounds of this belief are not stated, nor are they apparent on the face of the returns. The sea export of rice in the previous year was only 42,132 maunds, valued at Rs. 44,134. The increase of trade in Orissa during the year is doubtless attributable in the main to the scarcity in Bengal.

7. *Irrigation.*—Paragraphs 62-73.—The leased area was nearly treble that of the previous year, and there appears good reason to expect a considerable further increase in 1874-75.

The Lieutenant-Governor duly observes the Commissioner's complaint regarding the slow progress made with the works. On the other hand, it is to be remembered that the total expenditure on irrigation for the year was Rs. 14,54,618, including establishments, whilst the receipts amounted to Rs. 44,354. The Lieutenant-Governor is constrained to say that if the Commissioner desires to see the works more rapidly advanced, he should regard the speedy development of irrigation as the surest means of attaining his wish. The lamentable slowness which prevails in this respect cannot fail to have a retarding effect on the prosecution of works.

The Commissioner, in paragraph 78, remarks that a resurvey of Orissa is much to be desired in the present state of confusion as to boundaries and rights in land. The question of carrying out a complete cadastral survey of Orissa is under consideration. In view, however, of the length of the unexpired period of the present settlement, it is open to doubt whether much of the work, if done now, would not have to be done over again twenty years hence, when the settlements fall in.

The question of the management of estates by joint proprietors has for some time engaged the attention of Government. The Commissioner's suggestions as to compulsory partition will receive consideration. With reference, however, to Mr. Beames' remarks, quoted in paragraph 17 of the report, to the effect that there are estates of less than 100 acres in which there are 20 or 25 proprietors, the Lieutenant-Governor must remark that if estates of this kind are numerous, the carrying out of the principle of compulsory partition would lead to an excessive multiplication of petty estates.

The successful working of the Road Cess Act reflects credit on the officers concerned in the assessment and collection. The Commissioner's remarks regarding the inadequacy of funds to meet the cost of necessary local improve-

ments seem, however, hardly compatible with the view that half road cess rates should be maintained. This matter needs further consideration at the hands of the District Committees.

8. *Schools and Education.*—It is satisfactory to find that all classes are learning to appreciate more and more the advantages of education. The figures given show that very much still remains to be done (the Commissioner estimates that only 2·8 per cent. of the boys below 12 years attend the Primary Schools), but they also show that during the year primary education has begun to improve. The returns for 1872-73 gave only 377 schools in all, of which 293 were patshalas; whereas the total number of schools under supervision for the present year is 904, of which 832 are patshalas. The Lieutenant-Governor would be glad to receive some explanation of the falling off in the number of higher class schools.

9. The satisfactory working of the various local Committees will always be in some measure a test of the good management of the Magistrate or other presiding officer. Experience shows that these Committees, if considerably treated, can be made very useful, not merely as consultative, but as executive bodies.

10. *Conduct of Zemindars.*—The Lieutenant-Governor is sorry to find that the remarks of the District Officers are on the whole unfavourable; but he hopes that the Commissioner may prove right in his opinion that the steady improvement which pervades all other classes is extending to the zemindars also. The Lieutenant-Governor notices, however, with much satisfaction the favourable testimony borne by the Collector of Balasore to the character and services of the following zemindars:—

Nemi Churn Bose,	Shital Proshad Ghose,
Shamanund De,	Mothur Mohun Pari.

11. *Annual Tours.*—This important duty was well performed both by the Commissioner and by his subordinates. The Commissioner remarks in paragraph 134 that the ryots of Noanund are the best off of any in the Balasore district. It is satisfactory to find this recorded of the tenants of a Government estate. Regarding the settlement of famine orphans at Sautpoora, in this estate, referred to in paragraph 5 of the resolution on last year's report, the Lieutenant-Governor would be glad to know whether it still exists, and what is its condition.

12. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to observe that the Commissioner has been able to speak in terms of high commendation of all his District Officers, and of the greater number of the subordinate officials. It is hoped that the remarks recorded on this subject by District Officers have in all cases been duly considered. The Lieutenant-Governor is constrained to make this observation because in one of the districts one sub-divisional officer is known to have proved deficient, yet from the tenor of the district report he would seem to be included in the general commendation.

To the Commissioner, Mr. Ravenshaw, the thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor are due for his interesting report, and for his zealous administration of the Orissa Division.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. REYNOLDS,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRIBUTARY MEHALS OF CUTTACK
DURING THE YEAR 1873-74.

RESOLUTION.

POLITICAL.

Calcutta, the 2nd October 1874.

READ again—

The Report by the Superintendent of the Tributary Mehals of Cuttack for 1872-73.

Read also—

His Report for the year 1873-74.

The Lieutenant-Governor desires to thank the Commissioner Mr. Ravenshaw for a very full and interesting account of the Tributary Mehals under his charge during 1873-74. Almost all of these were visited by the Commissioner in the course of a long tour extending over more than two months of last cold weather. The best results may be expected from the supervision which he has thus been able to exercise over the affairs of the various mehals. The Lieutenant-Governor is gratified to learn that the Rajahs generally take an active personal interest in the management of their estates, and that the more enlightened among them have done much to further the progress of the people. The general features of the year's administration are most satisfactory, as showing in nearly all the states a diminution of serious crime; and even as regards private litigation, recourse to the Civil Courts has been only trifling. Thus with an increasing activity in trade, with the extension of roads throughout the country, and the establishment of schools, the people are realising more and more every day the advantages of good government.

2. *Revenue Collections.*—With increasing resources and a contented people, the Rajahs have had no difficulty in fulfilling their obligations to Government. In each of the Killahs not under direct management, the tribute in full, amounting in all to Rs. 33,249-7-11, has been paid up, and in addition the sum of Rs. 10,000 has been paid in advance on account of the current year. The arrears due from Tigris have been fully realised. Keonjhu, though in parts of the country the crops have failed, has paid the instalment of the debt due to Government for the expenses incurred by the rebellion. The Lieutenant-Governor approves of the action of the Superintendent in authorising a remission of Rs. 5,000 from the next instalment, with a view to provide relief works for the distressed. The amount will, if possible, be made good in the next year's accounts.

3. In the Government estates of Ungool and Bankee the work of the tehsildars has been very satisfactory. At the close of the year they had a balance in their hands of Rs. 30,152 after payment to the Collector of Rs. 9,820, over and above the regular demand of Rs. 23,658. Bamunghatty, an estate belonging to the Rajah of Mohurbhunj, continues to be under the management of the Deputy Commissioner of Singbhoom, whose administration has been successful. Out of the surplus collection of former years, he was able to pay the proprietor a sum of Rs. 40,000; and the year closed with a further balance to his credit of Rs. 24,237. Here, too, there has been a short crop in places. The Superintendent has urged for relief works to be carried out at the expense of the estate. His proceedings are approved.

The revenue administration throughout the tributary estates has been satisfactory. The balances of former years have been adjusted. In the Land Revenue Department, the mofussil jumma for 1873-74 has been fully realised, and excess collections for the succeeding year are in hand. Remissions sanctioned for total failure of crops over a limited area are trifling.

4. *Criminal Returns.*—There has been a marked absence of serious or organised crime in the mehals during the past year. With four true cases of murder, convictions were obtained in three; in one the criminal eluded capture. Six cases of culpable homicide are reported to have occurred, one in Autgurh, three in Dhenkanal, and two in the Khond Mehals. In all of them convictions were obtained. The dangerous gang of dacoits who infested Pallehara and Bonai has been broken up and dispersed, and but one case of gang-robbery on the highway was reported. In Ungool and Bankee there was an increase of petty crime. Including these and Bamunghatty, the total number of offences reported in the course of the year was 614, but excluding them, 105 only.

Similarly, there has been an absence of heavy litigation both in the civil and revenue courts; out of a total of 2,022 suits, 1,823 were decided. The more important cases concerning disputed boundaries were disposed of by the Superintendent himself on the spot; the bulk of the remainder were tried by his subordinates. The orders passed by them, judging by the result of the appeals preferred, show good work: 77 appeals out of 2,437 decided cases, in 57 of which the orders of the lower courts were confirmed, are satisfactory results. Boad, it is to be remarked, is the only Tributary Mehal not under direct management from which any considerable number of cases came up for trial. As in criminal matters, the heaviest work was in Bankee and Ungool.

5. *Roads.*—The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to observe that the Rajahs, and especially those of Dhenkanal and Mohurbhunj, are exerting themselves to improve the communication in their estates, and he trusts that every encouragement will be given to them to continue doing so. In Bamunghatty, the intervention of the headmen has had the best effects in inducing the people to keep in repair (of their own accord) the principal road from Chyebasa. In Mohurbhunj, the active interest of the Rajah in opening out a road from Barepudda to Balasore, extending for 25 miles, deserves great credit. Similar public spirit has been shown by the Maharajah of Dhenkanal in constructing a road to the Brahminnee river, and in commencing another in connection with Cuttack. The Lieutenant-Governor will watch with interest the results of the Superintendent's negotiations with the headmen of the Khond Mehals, who have resolved to impose a cess voluntarily upon the people in order to maintain their roads. He quite agrees that no pressure should be put upon them in the arrangements which they propose to carry out of their own accord for the imposition of a plough-tax for a road fund.

6. *Education.*—The number of schools open during the year was 68. The number of scholars was 2,341. The Lieutenant-Governor observes that next to Keonjhur the largest number of both was in the Khond Mehals, where the people have erected school-houses at their own cost, and have devoted a voluntary tax on liquor-shops to their maintenance. A successful commencement has thus been made, and ample funds are in hand for its continuance. It is to be hoped that the example thus set will not be without effect in Bamunghatty and in other estates. It is gratifying to Government to find that the good work done by Captain Hunter in establishing schools in Keonjhur has not been lost on the transfer of the estate to Native rule, and that the Rajah takes much personal interest in them. In Dhenkanal, the school is said to be the best in Orissa. It will be well if the liberal support of the Rajah of Mohurbhunj is directed more effectually in securing better supervision and better teachers.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor regrets that effect was not sooner given to the Superintendent's wishes to improve the condition of the Páns, and hopes that the action he has now taken will be effectual in obtaining a suitable provision in land for the headmen of this tribe whom it is so desirable to wean from crime. The efforts made to reclaim them will continue to be a subject of interest to Government.

8. It is to be hoped that the surveillance which the Superintendent has directed to be exercised over the Mahomedan hide-dealers in Ungool, may prove effectual in putting a stop to the crime of cattle-poisoning. The offence is one which experience in other districts shows to be often the result of a widespread organisation extending to many districts; and every effort should be made to trace the source whence the poison used is obtained. The precautions taken should not be confined to Ungool, but should be extended throughout the Tributary Mehals.

9. There is one feature in the Superintendent's report for the year which is common to nearly all the Tributary Mehals, and which demands attention. This is the prevalence of continual feuds and quarrels, requiring in all cases the personal intervention of the Superintendent for the settlement of boundary disputes between neighbouring states. Thus, in the report under review, it is brought to notice that in Neilgiri there has been a long-pending boundary dispute, involving the possession of certain stone quarries, which led to considerable irritation on both sides, and was not adjusted till the Superintendent's visit to the place. A similar case arose in Dhenkanal, involving the Rajahs of Dhenkanal, Balrampore, and Madhoopore in an unseemly altercation. Again, between Autgurh and Dhenkanal there is a question about boundaries,

and the report speaks of an indisposition on the part of those concerned to admit any definite settlement of this feud, and an eagerness to revive it whenever occasion offers. Though the dispute between Bankee and Khoordah has been settled, a serious one has arisen on the Khendpadda and Khoordah frontiers; and a similar quarrel has arisen with Nyagurh, which has necessitated strong measures to ensure peace till the demarcation of the boundaries according to the survey map. The action of the Superintendent in all these cases has been energetic and praiseworthy. By personal interference he has secured the reconciliation of the contending parties, and in all but one case (which is still pending) he has brought about a satisfactory adjustment of the disputed boundaries. It is the Lieutenant-Governor's wish that an earnest endeavour should be made to give permanence to what has been accomplished; and he thinks that it should be strictly enjoined that whenever such quarrels about boundaries arise and are finally settled, the line of boundaries should be marked off by the erection of pillars or other landmarks, so as to prevent the recurrence of what appears now to be a continual source of trouble and anxiety. The expense thereby incurred would be a legitimate charge upon the states concerned in the case, and would be no serious imposition considering the flourishing condition of their revenues. Such an arrangement, also, might possibly act as a check upon unfounded claims and contentions.

10. The settlement work in progress throughout the mehals demands careful attention, and especially in its connection with the resumption of invalid grants and jagheers. It will be a satisfactory result if, working through the agency of the Chiefs themselves, a careful record of tenants' rights and rents are generally secured.

11. * It has been Mr. Ravenshaw's pleasing task to bear in almost every case a favorable testimony to the personal character and the capacity for business of the various Chiefs. The acknowledgments of Government are due to them for the good order and careful administration of their estates. The Maharajah of Dhenkanal is singled out as an example to all the neighbouring Rajahs for his consideration to his people, his sense of justice, and public spirited liberality; and the Lieutenant-Governor views with great satisfaction the contentment and prosperity of his people which are the result.

12. To Mr. Ravenshaw himself, and to his subordinate officers who have zealously labored under him, the thanks of Government are again due. His Honor learnt with regret of the death of Baboo Sudanund Sircar, Tehsildar of Ungool, who is reported to have borne a high character for integrity and efficiency.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent, Tributary Mehals, Cuttack, for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

RIVERS THOMPSON,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

RELIEF MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY RAI LUCHMEEPUR SINGH, BAHADOOR, IN THE DISTRICT OF PURNEAH.

No. 5980—S.R., dated Calcutta, the 1st October, 1874.

From—The Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To—The Commissioner of Bhagalpore.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum No. 7288—S.R., and in reply to say that the Lieutenant-Governor has read with much satisfaction the letter of Rai Luchmiput Singh, Bahadoor, giving a detailed account of the action taken by him since the beginning of the famine to relieve distress in his estates in the district of Purneah.

2. I am to request that you will express to Rai Luchmiput Singh, Bahadoor, the Lieutenant-Governor's acknowledgments of the exertions and liberality evinced by him in adopting such prompt and extensive relief measures.

3. You will also be good enough to convey to Baboo Ram Chand Seth, the local agent of Rai Luchmiput Singh, Bahadoor, an expression of His Honor's appreciation of his exertions in carrying out the orders of his principal.

No. 7288—S.R., dated Baloochur, the 10th September 1874.

Memo. by—G. N. BARLOW, Esq., C.S.I., Offg. Commissioner of Bhagulpore.

COPY of the subjoined report of Roy Luchmееput Singh, Bahadoor, forwarded for the information of Government. The statements made therein are fully endorsed by the Collector of Purneah, who brings very prominently to notice the indefatigable exertions of Baboo Ram Chand Setya, the local agent of Roy Luchmееput Singh Bahadoor. I also am acquainted with this gentleman, and think highly of him. Of course the chief credit of whatever aid has been given in the time of difficulty belongs to the principal under whose orders, and at whose charge, the arrangements have been made, but I submit that a very great deal of the success or failure depends upon the agent who does the work. I hope therefore Ram Chand Setya's services will not be overlooked.

Dated Baloochur, the 10th September 1874.

From—ROY LUCHMEEPUT SINGH, BAHADOOR,

To—G. N. BARLOW, Esq., C.S.I., Commissioner of the Bhagulpore Division.

THE favorable prospects of the bhadoi crop have had their influence on the markets. The supplies in the markets are nearly equal to the local demands. My superintending agent, Baboo Ram Chand Setya, has, after personal observation and inquiries, informed me that relief operations are no longer necessary. He says that all agriculturists have left for the fields, and none but professional beggars remain. The relief operations, he adds, if continued longer, will rather increase the number of professional beggars than bestow any real benefit. He has accordingly, on the 8th of August last, closed all the relief centres opened by me in the district.

I have therefore the honor to submit herewith the following report relative to the measures I adopted to meet the calamity of scarcity in my zemindaries situated in the district of Purneah.

In the beginning of January last, I directed my superintending agent, the said Baboo Ram Chand Setya, to proceed to Purneah, with a view to ascertain the stock of rice and grain-food, and to render me a rough census of the people of that part of the country, in order to test the capabilities of the local markets for meeting the requirements of the people for a given period, viz. until the reaping of the next crop; and also to ascertain the nature and magnitude of the distress which was then apprehended. On the receipt of a very alarming report from him, I immediately ordered him to postpone the collection of rents from the ryots of my khas mehals, *i.e.*, mehals under my direct management, and to open relief centres at such places as he thought proper.

Relief centres were accordingly opened at Hosseingunge, Arreaha, Kudwa chowky, Nargudda, and Luckimpore, for gratuitous distribution of uncooked rice. The number of persons, including women and children, relieved from the latter end of February to the 8th of August last is 68,108. The daily average is 564.18.

In my putnee mehals, 384 persons were daily relieved by me.

I kept open an annoochattri from March to 8th August last in city Purneah, and distributed cooked rice to 134 persons daily.

I undertook relief works, such as excavation and improvement of tanks, repairs of pukka buildings and wells, and clearance of jungles, and the charges on these accounts amount to Rs. 1,550. I have given up free to Government lands required for relief roads passing through my estates.

I have advanced to my tenantry, without interest, the sum of Rs. 9,753, to provide themselves and their families against the crisis, and to enable them to purchase seed-grains, &c., for the next crop.

I have postponed the collection of Rs. 66,919 and Rs. 25,437, being the rents due from my khas and putnee mehals respectively.

I contributed the sum of Rs. 1,000 to the fund formed by the committee organised at the Sudder station for the relief of the general distress of the country.

I had plenty of rice in store, which I sold to the people at a much cheaper rate than that at which it was then selling in the neighbouring villages. I sold at cost price the 1,000 maunds of rice I purchased from Government: the transport and other charges were defrayed by me.

In conclusion, I am happy to be able to state that not a single case of starvation has occurred in my estates, as reported by my superintending agent, who personally inspected the distressed villages on several occasions. I also took an opportunity of visiting the district during the crisis.

My contribution to the district relief fund of Bhagulpore is Rs. 1,000.

PRICES-CURRENT of Food-grains and Salt in the

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			WHEAT.			BARLEY.			RICE, BEST SORT.			RICE, COMMON.			BULRUSH MILLET— CUMBOO, BAJRA.														
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2	Bankora	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Howrah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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7	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	24-Pargunnahs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Mooredabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Dinapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Rajshahye.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Rangpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Pubna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Jalpigoree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cooch Behar.†																													
Eastern Districts.																													
20	Dacca	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Fureedpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Sylhet.†	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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A In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 10 to 14 seers, barley 16 seers, best rice 10 to 12-11 seers, common rice 11 to 13-9 seers, and gram 15-12 to 18 seers per rupee.

B In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 12-8 to 13 seers, barley 16 to 22 seers, best rice 10 to 14 seers, common rice 11-8 to 16 seers, maize 12 to 15 seers, and gram 12-8 to 14-8 seers per rupee.

C In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 7-4 to 14 seers, barley 15 seers, best rice 2-8 to 12-8 seers, common rice 10-4 to 13 seers, maize 20 to 26 seers, and gram 12 to 15-12 seers per rupee.

D In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 12 to 13-8 seers, best rice 7 to 8-8 seers, common rice 11 to 14 seers, and gram 13 to 16 seers per rupee.

E In the interior only.

F In the interior prices range as follow:—Best rice 7 seers, common rice 11 to 15-8 seers, and gram 14 to 14-8 seers per rupee.

G Coarse rice at 13 seers per rupee.

undermentioned Districts of Bengal on the 3rd October 1874.

THE SEER OF 80 TOLAS.

GREAT MILLET— CHOLU, JOWAR.			LESSER MILLETS— RAJOW, MURWA, AND CHENNA.			MAIZE OR INDIAN- CORN.			GRAM.			PIER-WOOD.			SALT.			DISTRICTS.
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Central Districts.																		Calcutta.
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- H In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 7 to 13 seers, best rice 10 to 12-12 seers, common rice 11 to 15 seers, and gram 11 to 15 seers per rupee.
- I In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 14 seers, best rice 9 to 11 seers, common rice 13 to 13-8 seers, and gram 16 to 17 seers per rupee.
- J In the interior prices range as follow :—Best rice 10 to 14 seers, common rice 17 to 20 seers, and gram 9 to 19 seers per rupee.
- K In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 8 to 10 seers, best rice 6 to 10 seers, common rice 10 to 20 seers, and gram 8 to 10 seers per rupee.
- L In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 14 seers, best rice 10 seers, common rice 12-8 to 14-8 seers, and gram 13 to 14 seers per rupee.
- M In the interior prices range as follow :—Best rice 10-8 to 12 seers, common rice 12-8 to 14 seers, paddy 23 to 40 seers, and gram 8 to 12 seers per rupee.
- N In the interior prices range as follow :—Wheat 11 to 13 seers, best rice 8 to 12 seers, common rice 11 to 16 seers, and gram 9 to 13 seers per rupee.

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O In the interior prices range as follow:—Best rice 13 to 16 seers, and common rice 14 to 19 seers per rupee.

P In the interior prices range as follow:—Best rice 11 to 14 seers and common rice 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

Q In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 13 to 15 seers, barley 18-8 to 20 seers, best rice 11-12 to 12-6 seers, common rice 13 to 16 seers, lesser millet 24 to 34 seers, maize 19 to 27 seers, and gram 15-10 to 18 seers per rupee.

R In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 18 to 16 seers, barley 17 to 20 seers, best rice 8 to 11 seers, common rice 11-8 to 15 seers, bolurush millet 17-8 seers, great millet 10 seers, lesser millet 18 seers, maize 20 seers, and gram 15 to 20 seers per rupee.

CALCUTTA,
The 6th October 1874.

Districts of Bengal on the 3rd October 1874.—(Continued.)

THE SEER OF 80 TOLAS.

GREAT MILLET— CHOLUK, JOWAR.			LESSER MILLETS— RAGI OR MURWA, AND CHRENA.			MAIZE OR INDIAN- CORN.			GRAM.			FIRE-WOOD.			SALT.			DISTRICTS.																		
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S In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 13 to 16 seers, barley 13 to 24 seers, best rice 8 to 13 seers, common rice 8-12 to 20 seers, lesser millet 20 to 40 seers, maize 18 to 40 seers, and grain 13 to 21 seers per rupee.

T In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 11 to 13-8 seers, barley 16 to 30 seers, best rice 9-8 to 13 seers, common rice 15 to 26 seers, lesser millet 16-4 to 62 seers, maize 16-8 to 35 seers, and gram 13-8 to 19 seers per rupee.

U In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 10 to 17 seers, best rice 8-12 to 15 seers, common rice 10 to 16 seers, maize 30 to 75 seers, and grain 12 to 20 seers per rupee.

V In the interior prices range as follow:—Wheat 11 to 14 seers, best rice 11 to 20 seers, common rice 13 to 22 seers, maize 28 to 30 seers, and grain 12 to 16 seers per rupee.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 3rd October 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
<i>Western Districts.</i>			
BARDWAN DIVISION.	1 Bardwan, 5th* Oct. 1874	·55	Rainfall at Bood-Bood 2·35, at Culna 2·3, at Raneeunge 1·06, at Jehanabad 4·10. The prospects of the crops are good in Jehanabad, Raneeunge, and the thanas of the Sudder Sub-division south of the Damoodah, but not so good in the rest of the district. In Bood-Bood and Gangoor especially much land is uncultivated. Outturn of aous or early rice in Culna 8 to 10 annas. Fever as usual.
	2 Bankoora, 3rd " "	0·54	A good shower fell on the 27th September and a slight one on the 3rd October; the rest of the week was dry. The prospects continue favorable. The crops may be looked on as safe, although a little more rain would increase the outturn.
	3 Beerbhoom, 3rd " "	1·91	Clear weather. State and prospects of the crops continue good. Prices falling.
	4 Midnapore, 3rd " "	0·07	Rainy in early part of the week; the weather seems to have settled now. There has been a good deal of rain both in Contai and Gurbeta Sub-divisions. Reports of crops encouraging. Aous rice came into the market and selling cheaply.
	5 Hooghly, 3rd " "	0·07	Cloudy and sunshiny. Wind for two days from north-east; the remainder of the week from south. Rainfall at Serampore 2·65. Chunditola 2·55. There have been showers in the interior. Aous or early rice is cut, and was a fair crop, except in the south. Amun or late rice will be good in the east, middling in the north and centre, and very bad in the south.
	Howrah, 3rd " "	2·13	There has been rain during the week throughout the district. Weather sometimes cloudy and at times clear. Wind from south and east and north-east. The rain during the week has greatly benefited the crops. Transplanting amun or late rice seedling is nearly finished. In Jugutbulbupore and in parts of Domjoor amun seedlings have been transplanted, but a large quantity of land remains fallow for want of rain when required. Jute has been cut and sugarcane is healthy.
<i>Central Districts.</i>			
PRESIDENTY DIVISION.	6 24-Pergunnahs, 5th† Oct. 1874.	2·75	Warm and showery. The rainfall during the past week has been very beneficial to the late rice. The harvesting of the aous or early rice is all but over. Fever still prevailing in Barrpore, Saikhiria, and Basseerhat.
	7 Nuddea, 3rd Oct. 1874	0·59	Generally cool, with light showers; but heavy rain at Kosahta and parts of Chooandagah. The state and prospects of the crops are but little changed since last report. The rivers rose a second time, but are now falling again. Prices are exceedingly high, and laborers are coming in in increased numbers to the relief works, though they are paid only 2 seers of rice for 100 cubic feet of earth-work.
	8 Jessore, 3rd " "	0·76	Cloudy, with a little rain; wind variable, but mostly from the south. In Jenidah the inundation is said to have caused much damage to the amun or late rice crop, and a good deal of teel (oil-seed), which had been sown in July and was looking promising, has been entirely lost. In Narrai, the other sub-division, which was affected though less severely by the inundation, the injury is not serious, and the prospects continue good. Throughout the rest of the district the crops are very promising.
RAJSHAHIE DIV.	9 Moorshedabad, 3rd Oct. 1874.	2·49	All parts of the district have been visited by good showers during the week. The rainfall at Jungpore was 5·24 inches. The prospects of all crops continue to improve. Late rice is doing well in the west. The heavy rain which fell in the Rampore Hat Sub-division on the 26th September, gave rise to slight floods in the Kalliangunge thana; but no injury was done to the late rice crops. Prices are steady. Cholera prevails in some places.
	10 Dinagepore, 2nd Oct. 1874.	4·69	Heavy rain throughout the district. The prospects of the winter crop are most excellent. A good crop now assured, even though no more rain should fall.
	11 Maldah, 3rd Oct. 1874	2·24	Rain off and on throughout the week. The weather towards the end commenced clearing. Kalai (pulse) and sunrow (mustard) are being sown. The prospects of the late rice crop are good. Rice is a little dearer.
	12 Rajshahye 3rd " "	2·10	There has been abundant rain since date of last report. There was a very heavy fall on Wednesday night. There have been a few clear and sunshiny days. This has been very beneficial to the crops. More rain is not required at present. The north-west of the district is much inundated by the overflowing of the rivers, and good deal of the amun or late rice crop is under water. Should the inundation not recede quickly, some of this crop will be lost in that quarter. Prices are much the same as last week.

* Telegram of the 5th October, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

† Report of the 5th October, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(Contd.)			
Central Districts.—(Contd.)			
RAMBHATE DIVS.	13 Rangpore, 2nd Oct. 1874	6.18	Weather close, with heavy showers at intervals. Abundant rain everywhere. Prospects of crops good. Transplantation still proceeding in several places, but as a rule came to an end.
	14 Bogra, 3rd " "	1.78	Everything is highly satisfactory. There is the greatest promise of a bumper amun or late rice crop.
	15 Pubna, 3rd " "	2.57	Heavy rains on the 27th and 28th September, with a cooler wind from the south-east. The state of the amun or late rice crop continues to be good and promising. The water of the rivers is gradually subsiding. Some cases of cholera reported from Sujanagar outpost. Fever decreasing.
COOCH BEHAR DIVS.	16 Harjeeling, 2nd " "	9.57	The rains from 26th to 28th September were very heavy; the remaining days of the week were bright and sunny. The heavy rains of three days during the week have done considerable damage to the maize and rice still remaining on the ground, in the hills. The crops in the Terai progressing very favorably.
	17 Julpigoree, 2nd " "	12.48	There has been unusually heavy rain this week for the time of year. It has been grand for the hymunt dhan, or late rice, than which crop nothing could promise better. All other crops looking well. Rain seems now to have stopped.
	Cooch Behar, 1st " "	9.75	First five days wet, last two days fine. Prospects of crops very good; the recent wet weather has been beneficial.
Eastern Districts.			
DACCA DIVISION.	18 Dacca, 5th* Oct. 1874	1.07	Sunshine and rain. Crops good. Rivers still high. Fever reported in Manickgunge.
	19 Fureedpore, 3rd " "	8.84	Rain almost every day in the week, with an occasional interval of sunshine. On Wednesday, during three hours, upwards of 6 inches of rain fell in one continuous shower from two to five o'clock p.m. Weather most favorable for the late rice crop, accounts of which from every part of the district continue to be excellent. The price of coarse rice continues the same at Fureedpore and Gopalgunge and Bhanga, but it has slightly risen at Goalundo from default of imports. Madarapore return not received.
	20 Backergunge, 1st Oct. 1874.	1.08	Rainy weather. State and prospects of crops very good.
CHITTAGONG DIVS.	21 Mymensingh, 2nd Oct. 1874.	2.2	The rainfall in the north and west of the district has been double that at the Sudder Station. Late rice crop promising a full yield.
	22 Sylhet " " "		Return not received.
	23 Chittagong, 1st Oct. 1874.	3.76	Hot and sunny with rain at intervals. 3.40 inches reported from Cox's Bazar up to 29th September. Transplanting of the late rice crop is very nearly finished. The weather during the week has been favorable. Insects previously reported from southern thahas have now disappeared. Cholera reported from Salkania, in the Sudder Sub-division, but seems to have disappeared from Cox's Bazar.
	24 Noakholly, 1st Oct. 1874	3.34	Weather warm. Rain on five days out of the seven. Usually a strong south wind. The amun or early rice crop was exceptionally good in Sundep and Bamni, average in Hatia and Begunungge, but fell short more or less in the four remaining thahas. The total outturn seems little below that of an ordinary year. The amun or late rice has been transplanted and is doing well, but more rain is wanted.
	25 Tipperah, 2nd " "	2.06	Rather changeable, hot and sunshiny with a few heavy showers. The prospects of the amun or late rice throughout the whole district are good. The northern thahas have had a good supply of rain.
PATNA DIVS.	26 Chittagong Hill Tracts, 29th Sep. 1874.	4.88	Excessively hot during the first part of the week. Heavy falls of rain on the 28th and 29th September. The harvesting of the paddy crops in the jooms still continues. The falls of rain during the week have been of much benefit to the late rice crop as also to the cotton plants. Prospects of all the crops good.
	Hill Tipperah, 3rd Oct. 1874.	3.70	Rainy and cloudy for the greater part of the week. Prospects of crops good.
	27 Patna, 5th* Oct. 1874	2.88	The weather could not be more favorable than it is for the crops. Health of the district good.
PATNA DIVS.	28 Gaya, 3rd " "	2.39	Fine weather. The crops are everywhere in a prosperous condition. Health good.
	29 Shahabad, 3rd " "	4.69	The rains appear to have come to an end; the days are sunny, much cooler in the mornings and evenings. Prospects are favorable. The sughani or late rice is said to be promising, and the land is everywhere being prepared for the rubee or cold weather sowings, which are secured by the last rain. Health, on the whole, good.

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BEHAR.—(Contd.)			
PATNA DIVISION.—(Contd.)	30 Tirhoot, 3rd Oct. 1874	7.03	Cloudy in night and hot. Madhoobunsee Sub-division.—Rainfall during the week is 15.16 inches. The prospects of the paddy crop in this Sub-division are most excellent; there is every hope of an abundant crop this year; fine weather is now required everywhere; the continuous heavy rain of last five days has done considerable good also for the sowing of the rubbee or cold weather crop. Hajepore Sub-division.—Rainfall during the week is 5.42 inches. The late rains have completely dissipated all fear of any failure of the winter crop. Sectamurhee Sub-division.—There has been heavy rain during the week, and it has been general; altogether, at Sectamurhee the rainfall was 10.79, at Dynchuprah to the north 4 inches on 26th ultimo, and 6 inches on the 27th; while at Sectamurhee there was 2.63 on the 26th, and 4.63 on 27th. The sub-divisional officer went to Amooah westward with Dr. Coates, the Sanitary Commissioner, on 26th, and there the rainfall has been 13 inches. The Bagmati has overflowed its banks, and inundated the country for five miles on each side. The Lakhundayee and other rivers have also overflowed their banks; heavy rain has fallen throughout the sub-division, which has proved most favorable to the crops. The people are enjoying good health. In the Sudder Sub-division, the last four days' continuous rain has considerably benefited the high land crops, and now there is no fear of failure of the crops; few inches of rain in the latter part of the month will bring out a better aughanee or late rice crop. The last rain has been general throughout the district. Prices of grain gradually falling. Public health good. Telegraphed on the 5th.—Prospects of the winter rice crops in Tajpore and Durbhanga Sub-divisions much improved by late heavy rains, which was general throughout the sub-divisions.
	31 Sarun 3rd " "	3.21	Cloudy, with showers during the early part of the week, clear and hot towards the close; both east and west wind. Heavy rain general throughout the district, varying from five to fifteen inches. The bhadi or early crops have been harvested, and are coming into the markets. The recent rain, though too late, it is feared, to admit of the remaining rice lands being planted out, has saved the standing rice crop, and will ensure good rubee or cold weather crops. Manufacture of indigo has been nearly completed. Prices (rice common, Indian-corn, and gram excepted) steady.
	32 Champaran, 3rd " "	12.92	In the early part of the week incessant rain, followed by hot, sunny weather. The heavy rainfall has been general, and has done nothing but good. It has been followed by partial floods, from which so far no damage to speak of has occurred. The winter crops and spring sowings are now secure.
	33 Monghyr, 8rd " "	5.07	Cloudy, with occasional showers. No change since last week. The crop prospects appear very favorable.
	34 Bhagulpore, 5th* " "	2.92	Rainfall at Banka 1.81, Muddehpore, 6.40; heavy floods from Tiljooga, Dhimrah, and Coosy, which quickly subsided. Those of Tiljooga and Dhimrah were most beneficial. No actual damage reported from the Coosy floods, except to the early sown koorthi. Prospects of the aughanee or late rice could not be better. General health very good.
	35 Purneah, 3rd " "	2.14	Rain generally over the district. The rain is most seasonable and plentiful. Bhadi or early crops reaped and thrashed; yield abundant. Aughanee or late rice crop well forward and promising a bumper crop.
BHAGIPORE DIV.	36 Sonthal Pergunnabs, 3rd Oct. 1874.	0.20	Rainfall at Rajmehal 7 inches, Deoghur 3.59, Godda 9. Heavy rain in Doomka on the night of the 2nd, after a fine week. Crops are excellent everywhere. Rice is late in Godda, but rain came when it was most wanted. Nothing could be much better than prospects generally.
	ORISSA.		
	37 Cuttack, 5th* Oct. 1874	1.22	Rainfall at Jajpore 1.11. Beali rice being reaped, fair average outturn; sarud or late rice growing well. Low lands still submerged in a few places; transplantation active in places where floods have subsided. General prospects encouraging. Health good.
	38 Pooree, 1st " "	1.37	Showery with intervals of sunshine. Cloudy and sultry. The early rice crop is ripening and partly being reaped, and the outturn and prospects of the crop are fair. The late rice crop is being weeded and also transplanted in places where the flood has done damage. The present weather is favorable to the crops, and with a few more showers in this month the outturn will be good. Some kind of insects are at present damaging the crop, but the injury is partial and temporary and will cease with fresh shower of rain. The mandia (pulse) and teel (oil-seed) are being gathered with an indifferent outturn. Sugarcane and urhur and nowberhi (pulses) are doing well and promise a fair crop. Prices stationary.
ORISSA DIVISION.	39 Balasore, 2nd " "	2.68	Rainfall at Bhadruck 3.15. The weather on the whole is favorable, and the crops are promising. A moderate fall of rain during the present month will ensure the safety of the late harvest. Fever rather prevalent.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	<i>South-West Frontier Agency.</i>		
40	Hazareebagh, 2nd Oct. 1874.	1.97	Fair weather set in, winds northerly. Nothing could be better than the crops at present. The people wished the rains to continue a little longer, but the reservoirs are all full and the lands well saturated. The earlier rice crop called "gora" and "sathi" has been reaped and has yielded far above the average, a 16-anna crop. The later rice ought to yield a bumper crop also, as the rains, besides beginning one month earlier than last year, have continued this year until a fortnight later. New maize and millet are selling at upwards of a maund for the rupee. Typhoid is disappearing from the barracks, and the general health of the district is good. A few cases of cattle disease have been reported.
41	Lohardugga, 3rd Oct. 1874.	0.62	Seasonable weather. The bhadoi or autumn harvest has been very good, and the prospects of the late rice crop throughout the district are excellent. The new autumn rice is selling at Lohardugga at 36 seers. In Palamow the lands are being prepared for the rubee or cold weather crops. General health fair, though fever is very prevalent in parts.
42	Singbhoom, 2nd Oct. 1874.	3.94	Bright cloudless sky. Heavy rain during 29th and 30th. Crops looking thriving and well. A good outturn expected. The gora dhan has all been reaped, and the outturn has been good. General public health good.
43	Manbhoom, 3rd Oct. 1874.	2.63	Slight showers. The crops have improved considerably during the last fortnight. The paddy on the high lands, that had in some places been almost destroyed by the Boji blight, has partially recovered, and if more rain falls during this month will give about an 8-anna crop. The paddy on the second class and lower lands is looking very well; altogether, if the season continues favorable, a better harvest will be secured than has been gathered in this district for the last three years. The rubee crops, consisting of oil-seed, pulses, cotton, and sugarcane, are all doing very well. Health good.

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The 6th October 1874.R. KNIGHT,
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Weekly Report of Rainfall compiled at the Meteorological Reporter's Office.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 18th Sept. to 18th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 20th Sept. to 20th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1st JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
BENGAL.							
BURDWAN.	WESTERN DISTRICTS.		Inches.	Inches.	1874.		
	Burdwan	Burdwan	0.30	1.64	50.35	26th Sept.	
		Cutwa	1.32	0.62	41.97	ditto	
		Culna	Nil	0.87	39.54	ditto	
		Bood-bood	1.37	3.31	44.98	ditto	
		Raneegunge	Nil	2.11	33.71	ditto	
		Jehanabad	2.36	2.22	38.39	ditto	
	Bankoora	Bankoora	1.01	0.98	43.31	ditto	
	Beerbhoon	Sooree	2.31	11.96	60.30	ditto	
	Midnapore	Midnapore	0.18	2.89	37.25	ditto	
		Tunlook	Nil	2.72	46.25	ditto	
		Gurbeta	1.24	5.97	50.13	ditto	
		Contai	{ Dr. Collr.'s Office	0.24	3.87	67.44	ditto
		{ Exe. Engr.'s Office	0.32	4.10	66.70	ditto	
	Hooghly	Hooghly	Nil	1.43	31.65	ditto	
		Serampore	Nil	2.01	41.49	ditto	
	Howrah	Howrah	0.08	2.62	35.07	ditto	
PRESDURG.	CENTRAL DISTRICTS.						
	24-Pargunnahs	Saugor Island	0.80	2.90	57.64	ditto	
		Calcutta	1.35	3.41	44.87	ditto	
		Alipore { Dispensary	1.24	3.90	47.74	ditto	
		{ Jail	1.66	3.64	46.89	ditto	
		Russeerhaut	0.29	1.69	33.90	ditto	
		Baraset	1.03	1.31	39.09	ditto	
		Diamond Harbour	0.18	4.87	50.64	ditto	
		Baripore	0.01	5.16	43.76	ditto	
		Salkhira	1.90	2.41	34.28	ditto	
		Bagrampore	0.03	2.06	40.48	ditto	
		Dum-Dum	1.67	2.40	38.60	ditto	
	Nuddea	Kishnaghur	1.47	0.65	44.55	ditto	
		Bongong	0.05	1.05	32.77	ditto	
		Meherpore	1.25	1.17	43.24	ditto	
		Choodaangah	3.99	1.90	43.30	ditto	
		Kooshtea	1.40	3.84	46.16	ditto	
		Ranaghat	1.03	2.25	41.67	ditto	
	Jessore	Jessore	0.38	2.97	45.85	ditto	
		Narail	2.81	1.02	47.08	ditto	
		Khopla	2.50	2.25	47.03	ditto	
		Jhenida	1.73	2.68	48.09	ditto	
		Bagirhat	2.75	1.23	45.35	ditto	
		Magorah	0.65	3.45	45.00	ditto	
	Moorshedabad	Berhampore	3.25	1.68	38.14	ditto	
		Ranpore Haut	Not rec.	11.25	54.74	ditto	Not rec. 13th to 19th Sept.
		City Moorshedabad	0.32	2.36	38.00	ditto	
		Junypore	2.38	5.35	62.91	ditto	
		Azingunge	0.43	2.44	41.86	ditto	
		Lalgolia	4.35	3.59	46.47	ditto	
	Dinapore	Dinapore	0.61	6.61	63.19	ditto	
	Maldah	Maldah	2.23	10.07	55.94	ditto	
	Rajshahye	Banleah	4.34	5.35	45.35	ditto	
		Natore	2.35	4.28	65.31	ditto	
	Rungpore	Rungpore	1.12	6.58	79.04	ditto	
		Bhowanigunge	0.33	5.22	59.83	ditto	
		Titalya	10.40	4.90	108.22	ditto	
	Bogra	Bogra	2.30	5.19	76.34	ditto	
	Pubna	Pubna	2.69	4.61	50.42	ditto	
		Seraigunj	3.84	1.61	50.61	ditto	
	Darjeeling	Darjeeling { Telegraph Office	Not rec.	Not rec.	84.71	31st Aug.	
		{ Hospital	ditto	ditto	82.96	5th Sept.	
COCH BEHAR.	Julpigoree	Julpigoree	22.24	8.42	130.05	26th Sept.	
		Bodah	5.20	7.90	111.70	ditto	
		Commissioner's Office	14.03	9.58	206.00	ditto	From 12th April.
		Buxa { Civil Surgeon's	12.55	8.27	107.82	ditto	Not rec. 6th to 12th Sept.
	Cooch Behar Tributary State	Cooch Behar	8.96	8.93	114.67	ditto	

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 13th to 10th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 20th to 29th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1ST JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
BENGAL.—(Continued.)							
Dacca.	EASTERN DISTRICTS.		Inches.	Inches.	1874.		
	Dacca	{ Dacca... { Telegraph Office ...	0.19	2.14	46.78	26th Sept. ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Hospital ...	0.09	2.05	47.86		
		{ Moonsheergunge ...	0.13	4.05	58.96		
		{ Manickgunge ...	0.19	4.30	48.28		
	Furzedpore	{ Furzedpore ...	0.95	1.75	55.60	ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Goalundo ...	1.32	2.12	46.59		
		{ Madaripore ...	1.85	1.89	59.30		
	Backergunge	{ Barisal ...	0.67	3.26	55.83	ditto ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Perozepore ...	3.35	3.95	42.96		
{ Patcoakhally ...		2.76	2.67	69.42			
{ Dowlatkhan ...		0.65	3.55	73.18			
Mymensingh	{ Mymensingh ...	1.55	2.17	69.58	ditto ditto ditto ditto		
	{ Jamalpore ...	2.95	1.18	54.28			
	{ Atia ...	3.40	3.15	47.48			
	{ Kishoregunge ...	3.54	2.33	63.28			
Sylhet	{ Sylhet ...	7.19	2.88	133.76	ditto		
CHITTAGONG.	Chittagong	{ Chittagong { Telegraph Office ...	2.40	2.30	75.69	ditto ditto	
		{ Jail ...	3.06	2.41	71.70		
	{ Cox's Bazar ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	80.15	5th Sept.		
	Noakholly	{ Noakholly ...	2.29	2.64	93.20	26th Sept.	
	Tipperah	{ Comillah ...	1.35	0.61	63.46	ditto	
{ Brahmunberiah ...		0.48	3.23	45.84	ditto		
Chittagong Hill Tracts	{ Rungamatee Hill ...	4.19	1.88	62.05	ditto		
Hill Tipperah	{ Hill Tipperah ...	1.52	2.43	54.39	ditto		
BEHAR.							
PATNA.	Patna	{ Patna ...	0.42	3.54	41.95	ditto ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Behar ...	Nil	1.83	36.16		
		{ Barh ...	Nil	1.94	30.25		
		{ Dinapore { Jail ...	0.40	2.80	45.40		
	{ Cantonment ...	0.35	2.00	45.17	ditto		
	Gya	{ Gya ...	Nil	1.42	41.29	ditto ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Nowadah ...	1.25	2.74	50.19		
		{ Arungabad ...	0.30	1.16	57.43		
		{ Jehanabad ...	Nil	1.70	46.01		
	Shahabad	{ Arrah ...	1.70	0.90	47.79	ditto ditto ditto ditto	
{ Sasseram ...		0.62	0.88	44.13			
{ Buxar ...		Nil	1.73	41.01			
{ Bhuboah ...		0.37	2.67	59.60			
Tirhoot.	{ Mozufferpore ...	0.68	2.25	33.92	ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto		
	{ Darbhanga ...	0.37	2.82	48.29			
	{ Hajepore ...	Nil	3.36	42.43			
	{ Madhoolunnee ...	0.80	5.95	43.60			
	{ Setamurhee ...	1.51	3.53	35.39			
	{ Tajpore ...	0.68	3.53	36.78			
Sarun	{ Chupra ...	0.19	Not rec.	39.92	19th Sept. ditto		
	{ Sewan ...	1.08	ditto	35.41			
Chumpanu	{ Motiharee ...	0.15	2.94	38.25	26th Sept. 12th Sept.		
	{ Bettiah ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	43.49			
Monghyr	{ Monghyr ...	1.42	3.48	49.54	26th Sept. ditto ditto		
	{ Begoe Serai ...	0.01	4.40	28.50			
	{ Jamoe ...	0.78	2.79	46.74			
BAGULPORE.	Bhagulpore	{ Bhagulpore ...	0.11	5.22	43.69	ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto	
		{ Soopool ...	2.05	2.49	56.20		
		{ Muddehpooora ...	2.90	4.40	57.48		
		{ Hanka ...	2.02	5.08	46.24		
		{ Sanbora ...	0.63	2.48	53.18		
		{ Purneah ...	2.04	7.40	64.33		
Furneah	{ Kisseengunge ...	4.25	9.69	86.99	ditto ditto 12th Sept. ditto		
	{ Arrareah ...	Not rec.	Not rec.	68.45			
	{ Deoghur ...	0.27	4.65	51.12			
	{ Rajmahal ...	0.80	8.20	43.90			
Sonthal Pergunnahs...	{ Nya Doomka ...	0.71	4.65	51.69	ditto ditto ditto ditto		
	{ Godda ...	4.45	6.52	42.52			
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DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	STATION.	Rain from 13th to 19th Sept. 1874.	Rain from 20th to 26th Sept. 1874.	RAIN FROM 1st JANUARY 1874.		REMARKS.
					Inches.	Up to date.	
ORISSA.	Cuttack	Cuttack { Telegraph Office	1.60	1.60	59.06	26th Sept.	
		... { Hospital	3.00	2.24	72.96	ditto	
		... { Jajpore	2.50	2.30	50.45	ditto	
		... { Kendrapara	0.20	1.90	38.70	ditto	
		... { Jugatsingapore	0.40	2.40	40.90	ditto	
		... { False Point	0.25	2.85	69.01	ditto	
	Pooree	Pooree	0.44	1.16	43.69	ditto	
		Khoordah	2.80	1.61	60.48	ditto	
	Balasore	Balasore	Nil	3.35	42.55	ditto	
		Bhuddruck	2.43	2.83	48.03	ditto	
		Jellasore	0.17	5.70	61.53	ditto	
		Sorah	0.56	1.96	62.03	ditto	
	Cuttack Tributary Mahals	Chandbally	0.82	1.95	44.77	ditto	
		Sambalpore	1.26	2.17	65.09	ditto	
	CHOTA NAGPORE.						
	SOUTH-WESTERN FRONTIER AGENCY.						
	Hazareebagh	Hazareebagh { Jail	0.03	1.65	49.83	ditto	
		... { Dispensary	0.09	2.27	55.36	ditto	
	Lohardugga	Pachumba	0.23	2.15	49.69	ditto	
		Ranchee	2.25	1.34	52.19	ditto	
	Singbhoom	Palamow	1.10	0.85	62.15	ditto	
		Chyebassa	1.28	1.68	50.33	ditto	
	Manbhoom	Purulia	0.62	1.43	42.67	ditto	
		Govindpore	1.23	2.44	61.69	ditto	
	ASSAM & ADJACENT HILLS.						
	Cachar	Koyah	2.92	0.90	69.56	ditto	
		Seebaungor	1.46	Not rec.	118.31	19th Sept	
	Seebaungor	Golaghat	3.07	ditto	86.67	ditto	
		Jorehaut	1.97	ditto	98.22	ditto	
		Nazeerah	1.41	ditto	114.19	ditto	
		Deopanie	2.06	ditto	94.33	ditto	
		Hattiepootie	1.11	ditto	103.18	ditto	
		Suntok	2.03	ditto	123.52	ditto	
		Mazengah	1.19	ditto	105.83	ditto	
		Cherideo	1.85	ditto	118.78	ditto	
	Benares Akyab	Benares	Nil	1.10	54.93	26th Sept.	
		Akyab	4.70	3.70	119.60	ditto	

CALCUTTA,
The 3rd October 1874.

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Meteorological Telegraphic Report for the period, 27th Sept. to 3rd Oct. 1874.

STATION.	Date.	Hour.	Barometer reduced to 32°.	Barometer reduced to sea-level.	THERMOMETER.		Humidity, Sat. = 100.	WIND.		Rain.	Clouds.	Weather initials.
					Dry.	Wet.		Direction.	Velocity.			
CALCUTTA.	Sept. 27th	10	29.789	29.807	86.5	81.5	79	S by E	...	...	K	
	16	29.679	29.697	87.5	82.0	78	S S W	...	...	...	K	
	28th	10	29.769	29.807	83.0	79.8	85	S W	...	...	...	o, r
	16	29.752	29.770	86.7	81.0	76	S	...	...	0.04	K, K	d
	29th	10	29.775	29.743	82.5	80.7	91	W S W	...	...	S	
	16	29.613	29.631	87.3	82.0	78	S	...	0.06	...	S	
	30th	10	29.691	29.709	81.5	79.0	89	S	...	0.80	...	o
	16	29.581	29.600	87.0	81.5	77	S S E	...	...	...	S, K	
	1st	10	29.720	29.738	86.0	80.3	79	S S E	...	1.88	K	
	16	29.603	29.621	89.8	78.5	68	N N W	...	...	...	K	
	2nd	10	29.732	29.750	84.8	78.5	74	N N W	...	...	S	
	16	29.638	29.656	83.2	78.0	78	W by N	...	0.02	...	...	o
SARGOL ISLAND.	3rd	10	29.726	29.744	85.7	81.0	80	N E	...	0.09	K	
	16	29.598	29.616	84.2	79.7	81	E	...	...	...	...	o
	Sept. 27th	10	29.803	29.809	87	81	76	S	10.4	...	N	b, v, scuds.
	16	29.696	29.702	87	82	79	S S W	...	...	...	N	b, scuds.
	28th	10	29.795	29.801	88	82	76	S W	10.3	...	N	b, scuds.
	16	29.676	29.682	86	81	79	S	...	12.0	...	N	b, v, u.
	29th	10	29.752	29.758	87	82	79	S W	13.9	...	N	b, v, u.
	16	29.633	29.639	82	80	91	S S W	...	6.5	0.40	N	d, o
	30th	10	29.716	29.722	85	80	79	N W	0.2	...	N	b, v, u.
	16	29.621	29.627	81	77	82	E N E	...	4.8	...	N	b, v, u.
	1st	10	29.732	29.738	87	82	79	N	4.0	...	N	b, v, u.
	16	29.624	29.630	88	78	82	N	...	5.3	...	K	b, v, u.
CHITTAGONG.	2nd	10	29.741	29.747	85	79	75	N	3.1	...	N	m, o
	16	29.654	29.660	86	80	75	N	...	3.9	...	N	m, o
	3rd	10	29.728	29.734	82	79	87	N E	1.8	0.10	N	o, u
	16	29.615	29.621	81	79	91	N W	...	8.4	0.70	N	o, r
	Sept. 27th	10	29.753	29.845	85	78	71	E N E	1.4	...	K	b, v
	16	29.682	29.773	88	80	69	W S W	...	2.3	...	C, CK	b, v
	28th	10	29.750	29.842	86	80	75	N W	1.4	...	C, CK, K	v
	16	29.638	29.730	84	80	83	S W	...	4.6	...	N	d, g
	29th	10	29.736	29.830	77	76	86	E N E	2.1	2.20	N	o, r
	16	29.611	29.704	80	77	86	W S W	...	3.8	0.10	K, KS	g
	30th	10	29.698	29.790	84	80	83	E	2.1	0.80	C, K	b, v
	16	29.542	29.634	86	80	79	W	...	9.3	...	CK, K	v
MADEIRA.	1st	10	29.656	29.748	83	80	87	S S E	2.2	...	K, KS	b, m
	16	29.526	29.618	87	80	72	W	...	3.5	...	K, C	m
	2nd	10	29.675	29.768	83	78	78	E S E	3.7	0.30	KS	b, v
	16	29.563	29.654	89	81	69	W S W	...	5.7	...	C	b, v
	3rd	10	29.725	29.817	83	77	75	E	3.2	1.60	K, KS	
	16	29.651	29.744	80	77	86	E S E	...	8.5	0.30	N	d, u, t
	Sept. 26th	10	29.708	29.798	87	75	65	W S W	13	...	...	e
	16	29.649	29.679	91	79	66	W	...	8	...	...	e
	27th	10	29.705	29.825	87	77	61	W S W	12	0.14	...	e
	16	29.690	29.720	88	79	65	S by E	...	6	...	...	e
	28th	10	29.828	29.958	81	77	82	S W by W	11	0.32	...	o
	16	29.694	29.724	84	81	67	S W by W	...	7	0.01	...	cloudy.
CUTTACK.	29th	10	29.838	29.908	82	75	70	S W by W	8	0.08	...	cloudy.
	16	29.720	29.750	87	77	61	S W	...	6	...	...	c
	30th	10	29.829	29.859	85	78	64	W by S	10	0.01	...	cloudy.
	16	29.702	29.732	92	78	61	W S W	...	6	...	...	e
	1st	10	29.633	29.763	89	79	62	W by S	5	...	...	c
	16	29.739	29.763	89	79	62	S S W	...	5	...	...	cloudy.
	2nd	10	29.869	29.899	88	78	62	W by S	10	...	...	c
	16	29.709	29.799	75	72	85	S by W	...	3	1.48	...	cloudy.
	Sept. 27th	10	29.701	29.783	83	79	83	S	1.6	...	K, N	d
	16	29.594	29.676	87	79	68	S	...	8.1	...	CK	b
	28th	10	29.716	29.798	87	81	76	S	2.5	...	K, N, C	b
	16	29.594	29.676	87	80	72	S	...	7.4	...	C, CK, K	b
AKTAR.	29th	10	29.666	29.748	86	80	75	S W	3.6	...	KS, C	m
	16	29.547	29.629	84	79	79	W	...	4.6	...	C, N	
	30th	10	29.654	29.736	83	79	83	W N W	2.4	0.80	C, K, N	
	16	29.543	29.625	83	76	71	W	...	2.1	...	CK, N, C	
	1st	10	29.658	29.740	85	78	71	W N W	1.8	...	C, K	b
	16	29.564	29.646	88	80	69	W	...	2.1	...	C, S	
	2nd	10	29.691	29.773	86	77	64	W N W	1.6	...	C	b
	16	29.588	29.669	91	80	60	W	...	3.7	...	C	
	3rd	10	29.684	29.767	89	76	74	W	1.6	...	N, C	
	16	29.584	29.667	81	76	78	W	...	2.1	...	N, C	
	Sept. 27th	10	29.811	29.833	82	81	85	N	1.3	...	...	b
	16	29.704	29.725	86	81	79	W	...	6.3	...	...	g
CALCUTTA.	28th	10	29.832	29.854	81	79	91	N W	3.1	0.50	...	g
	16	29.730	29.753	82	79	87	S S E	...	1.8	...	...	g
	29th	10	29.633	29.654	79	78	95	N W	2.7	2.00	...	b, p
	16	29.632	29.703	84	79	79	W	...	5.0	...	...	b
	30th	10	29.747	29.768	84	80	83	S E	1.5	0.40	...	b
	16	29.638	29.659	83	80	87	S	...	6.1	...	...	b
	1st	10	29.730	29.752	81	78	89	S E	1.9	...	...	b
	16	29.630	29.651	84	80	83	S	...	6.9	...	...	b, g
	2nd	10	29.742	29.763	85	79	76	S E	3.5	3.00	...	
	16	29.638	29.659	82	79	87	S E	...	9.0	...	...	r
	3rd	10	29.847	29.869	77	76	95	N N W	5.3	1.60	...	b
	16	29.755	29.776	84	77	71	S	...	3.5	1.40	...	b

* Velocity of wind in miles per hour.

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Abstract of Observations as received in the Meteorological Office, Calcutta, during the month of August 1874.

N.B.—The barometric data are reduced for temperatures and not for height above sea-level.

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Fort Blair	61	29.760	...	29.758	29.717	...	0.06	135.0	31.4	145.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...</

Mean Pressures and Temperatures of the preceding Table reduced to Sea-level, with Anemometric Results and Observations of Sky Serenity.

STATIONS.	Mean barometric pressure reduced to sea-level.	Mean temperature reduced to sea-level.	WIND.										Percentage and Resultant.	Mean daily velocity.	Mean serenity.
			North.	North-East.	East.	South-East.	South.	South-West.	West.	North-West.	Variable.	Calm.			
Port Blair	29.613	79.6	...	4	2	8	11	36	1	...	...	...	68 S, 22 W	281.8	412
Nancowry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madras	29.770	86.3	...	5	6	4	1	16	26	4	...	...	47 S, 72 W	228.8	...
Vizagapatam	29.660	83.3	1	1	3	8	20	12	70	9	...	...	64 S, 71 W	104.2	413
Akyab	29.720	80.6	1	2	8	25	62	15	8	3	...	...	69 S, 4 E	93.9	209
False Point	29.629	82.2	...	...	...	...	12	60	39	10	1	2	81 S, 62 W	...	...
Cuttack	29.619	82.6	1	2	...	3	16	47	29	3	...	23	62 S, 52 W	77.3	373
Saugor Island	29.606	83.7	1	4	2	13	46	39	12	7	...	...	64 S, 22 W	246.0	298
Chittagong	29.680	81.5	...	...	35	67	18	7	2	...	...	1	73 S, 49 E	166.6	484
Calcutta	29.601	83.1	1	2	3	26	86	6	...	...	...	...	87 S, 10 E	130.7	...
Burdwan	29.608	84.1	...	12	14	22	14	7	2	...	...	1	66 S, 36 E	110.1	266
Esore	29.608	82.9	...	3	29	22	5	1	...	...	...	2	80 S, 22 E	108.6	310
Dacca	29.642	83.6	...	...	13	52	29	5	...	1	...	22	66 S, 34 E	157.1	180
Silchar	29.687	82.7	10	6	15	7	3	8	5	8	...	1	15 N, 52 E	78.0	168
Hazareebagh	29.680	82.3	2	6	14	13	4	3	7	13	...	...	15 N, 89 E	179.1	102
Berhampore	29.608	84.1	...	4	13	8	13	4	...	...	...	...	75 S, 46 E	147.3	229
Gya	29.654	84.0	2	7	15	15	4	1	2	6	...	10	39 S, 80 E	69.5	302
Patna	29.683	85.5	...	4	35	13	4	3	1	2	...	...	71 S, 75 E	109.6	242
Momghyr	29.605	84.3	3	5	30	9	3	1	...	...	...	8	53 S, 80 E	71.8	602
Purneah	29.665	77.6	...	11	32	12	2	3	1	...	...	...	73 S, 83 E	...	108
Darjeeling	...	...	1	5	24	28	17	14	25	9	...	1	29 S, 10 E	...	113
Sebsaugor	29.686	82.6	7	11	6	6	18	9	...	3	...	2	24 S, 39 E	69.6	673
Goalpara	29.637	83.0	1	2	8	5	11	8	6	4	...	16	25 S, 6 W	59.8	430
Benares	29.674	83.2	2	5	23	4	1	10	9	...	...	...	12 N, 88 E	101.6	162
Roorkee	29.570	85.2	...	2	...	28	1	14	...	4	...	75	22 S, 18 E	70.6	837

NOTE.

Barometric Pressure.—The pressures in column 2 of the above table for all stations below 500 feet, are reduced from those given in column 3 of the table on the previous page, by adding the weight of a column of air of the temperatures given in column 17. For stations above 500 feet elevation the reduction is made by Dümpe's tables, as given in Guyot's "Meteorological and Physical Tables." The temperatures at the sea-level are taken from column 3 of the above table.

Temperature.—The temperatures in column 3 are reduced from those in column 17 on the preceding page by adding 1° Fahrenheit for every 450 feet.

Wind Resultant.—The resultant wind direction and its comparative predominance are calculated from the whole number of wind observations recorded during the month. The relative predominance in the direction of the resultant is given, as a percentage of the whole number of observations. The direction is computed in the usual way by Lambert's formula.

Serenity.—This column gives the average proportion of unclouded sky; a cloudless sky being indicated by 10, and one completely overcast by 0.

The above, being all comparable, afford the data for constructing a meteorological chart for the month, which shall show the isobaric and isothermal lines and the resultant wind directions, which last may be represented by arrows of varying length, proportioned to the prevalence of the wind. To these may be added the rainfall from the previous tables.

CALCUTTA,
The 3rd October 1874.

W. G. WILLSON,
Offg. Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of Bengal.

Back Returns of Temperature for Burdwan.

	Mean of Max.	Mean daily range.	Mean of min.	Mean.	HIGHEST MAX.		Absolute range.	LOWEST MIN.	
					Day.	°		Day.	°
BURDWAN { June ...	82.1	13.9	78.2	84.7	14th	97.0	22.3	4th	74.7
July ...	91.1	11.9	79.2	85.1	19th	95.0	19.3	16th	75.7

**Results of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Surveyor-General's Office,
Calcutta, from 22nd to 30th September 1874.**

Month.	Date.	Mean reduced barometer.	THERMOMETER.			Mean dry bulb.	Mean wet bulb.	Computed mean dew-point.	Mean degree of humidity.	WIND.			Rain.	Moon's phase.	GENERAL REMARKS.
			Highest reading.	Lowest reading.	Max. solar radiation.					Prevailing direction.	Max. pressure.	Daily velocity.			
		Inches.	°	°	°	°	°	°			B	Miles	In.		
Sept.	22nd	29.647	93.7	81.5	145.8	86.8	81.6	78.5	0.77	SSE & SSE by E	...	78.5	...	...	Cumuli and cirri. Sheet lightning on west at 8 p.m. Thunder and lightning on north-west at 10½ p.m.
	23rd	604	91.8	81.5	142.0	84.9	81.3	78.8	83	SSE & S by E	3.1	88.7	2.14	...	Cirrostrati, cumuli and overcast. Thunder at 3-4½ and 5 p.m. Lightning from 7 to 9 p.m. Rain from 2 to 6½ p.m.
	24th	595	85.5	79.0	136.8	81.3	79.5	78.2	91	SE	0.7	161.4	0.59	...	Chiefly overcast. Rain after intervals.
	25th	632	83.8	78.5	...	80.6	79.4	78.4	93	ESE, SSE, & SE	...	161.6	0.24	...	Overcast. Rain after intervals.
	26th	711	81.0	77.5	...	79.1	78.2	77.6	95	SSE & S by E	...	163.8	0.44	○	Overcast, cirrostrati and cirri. Thunder and lightning from midnight to 3 a.m. and at 10 p.m. Slight rain from midnight to 2 p.m.
	27th	734	88.5	78.4	141.0	82.0	80.2	78.3	86	SE, S by E & S	...	98.7	...	...	Cirrocumuli, cumuli and cirri. Drizzled between 12 a.m. and 1 p.m.
	28th	722	87.5	80.0	134.0	83.2	80.4	78.4	86	S by E & S by W	...	109.4	0.04	...	Cirri and cumulon. Lightning on west at 7 and 8 p.m. Slight rain at 10 a.m.
	29th	682	87.5	80.0	137.5	83.0	80.1	78.1	86	S by W & S	...	75.9	0.06	...	Cirri, cirrocumuli and cumuli. Sheet lightning from 6½ to 9 p.m. Light rain between 9 and 10 a.m. and at 10 p.m.
	30th	646	87.5	77.2	129.7	80.9	78.6	77.0	88	S & S by E	2.0	54.0	2.68	...	Cirri, overcast, and cumuli. Brisk wind from 4½ to 5 p.m. Thunder and lightning from 5 to 9 p.m. Rain from 5 to 8 a.m. and 4½ to 9 p.m.

The mean barometer as likewise the dry and wet bulb thermometer means are derived from the twenty-four hourly observations made during the day.

The dew-point is computed with the Greenwich constants. The figures in column 10 represent the humidity of the air, the complete saturation of which being taken at unity. The receiver of the lower rain gauge is 1½ feet, and that of the anemometer 70 feet 10 inches above the level of the ground. The velocity of wind, as indicated by Robinson's anemometer, is registered from noon to noon.

The extreme variation of temperature during the past nine days	...	16.5
The maximum temperature during the past nine days	...	93.7
The maximum temperature during the corresponding period of the past year	...	93.6
The mean humidity during the past nine days	...	0.87
The mean humidity during the corresponding period of the past year	...	0.77
		Inches.
The total fall of rain from 22nd to 30th	... { by lower rain gauge	6.19
	... { by anemometer gauge	5.73
Ditto ditto ditto, average of twenty previous years	...	2.27
Ditto ditto between the 1st January and the 30th September	...	47.65
Ditto ditto ditto, average of twenty previous years	...	61.77

GOPEENATH SEN,
In charge of the Observatory.

The 6th October 1874.

Weekly Return of Traffic Receipts on Indian Railways.

CALCUTTA AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATE RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 26th September 1874, on 28 miles open.

	COACHING TRAFFIC.			MERCHANDISE AND MINERAL TRAFFIC.			Total traffic receipts.
	Number of passengers.	Coaching receipts.		Weight carried.	Receipts.		
		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week ...	10,163	1,151 0 0	115 2 0	12,588 0	371 0 0	37 2 0	153 4 0
Or per mile of railway ...	364	41 0 0	4 2 0	440 0	13 0 0	1 6 0	5 8 0
For previous 12 weeks of half-year...	77,332	10,325 0 0	1,032 10 0	1,30,848 0	4,181 0 0	418 2 0	1,450 12 0
Total for 13 weeks ...	87,505	11,476 0 0	1,147 13 0	1,52,436 0	4,552 0 0	455 4 0	1,692 16 0
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	5,187	927 12 6	92 15 7	9,919 0	304 12 9	30 9 7	123 5 2
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year ...	185	33 2 2	3 6 3	354 0	10 14 2	1 1 9	4 8 0
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	55,157	9,461 11 3	946 3 4	2,20,604 0	7,468 15 0	746 17 10	1,693 1 2

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY—MAIN LINE.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 26th September 1874, on 1,280 miles open.

		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week ...	111,963	1,38,826 11 0	12,725 15 8	7,64,834 20	2,90,542 8 0	26,669 14 7	39,395 10 3
Or per mile of railway ...	87	108 7 4	9 18 10	594 0	227 4 0	20 18 3	30 15 7
For previous 12 weeks of half-year...	1,192,435	14,86,359 11 2	131,668 6 1	85,52,765 10	40,56,262 12 2	3,71,823 3 5	503,489 9 6
Total for 13 weeks ...	1,304,403	15,76,186 6 11	144,392 1 9	10,237,599 30	43,47,105 4 2	3,98,492 18 0	542,884 19 9
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	129,148	1,80,785 8 6	16,572 0 2	7,66,468 20	3,19,963 15 0	29,339 0 7	45,992 0 9
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year ...	100	141 3 10	12 18 11	594 0	249 15 6	22 18 4	35 17 3
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	1,324,080	16,21,282 3 3	148,617 10 9	72,70,333 0	31,94,933 1 10	2,92,868 17 5	441,486 8 2

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY—JUBBULPORE LINE.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 26th September 1874, on 223½ miles open.

		Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	Mds. Srs.	Rs. A. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total traffic for the week ...	4,265	10,168 1 9	932 1 6	34,252 10	11,813 1 0	1,082 17 3	2,014 18 9
Or per mile of railway ...	19	45 7 11	4 3 5	153 0	52 13 8	4 10 11	9 0 4
For previous 12 weeks of half-year...	45,394	1,06,454 0 10	9,208 5 9	5,90,257 0	1,73,078 2 6	15,620 10 0	25,128 15 9
Total for 13 weeks ...	49,659	1,16,622 2 7	10,140 7 3	6,24,489 10	1,83,491 3 6	17,003 7 3	27,143 14 6
COMPARISON.							
Total for corresponding week of previous year ...	4,237	12,385 12 9	1,129 4 0	51,214 10	15,616 11 9	1,451 10 8	2,567 14 8
Per mile of railway, corresponding week of previous year ...	19	54 15 6	5 0 10	233 0	69 14 0	6 8 1	11 8 11
Total to corresponding date of previous year ...	45,988	1,12,886 14 11	10,347 19 5	4,32,729 20	1,34,711 15 9	12,348 11 11	22,096 11 4

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IRRIGATION BRANCH, BENGAL.

ORISSA CIRCLE.

Statement showing the total Amount of Traffic and Tolls on the Kendrapara Canal for the month of July 1874.

LENGTH OF CANAL OPEN—39 MILES.

PRIVATE TRAFFIC.										STORES AND MATERIALS FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.										ABSTRACT.									
Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	Number of boats.	Nature of traffic.	Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Tonnage.	Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	REMARKS.			
		Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Mds.	Tons.						Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Mds.	Tons.															
LOCAL TRAFFIC.																													
		Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.			Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.			Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.			
10	Paddy	1,413	708	1,885	67	1,956	18 0 0	...	2	Lateite stones...	638	10	1,275	46	1,472	12 8 0	...	77	Local	4,683	14,119	305	6,636	80 12 0	0 2 3				
4	Rice	247	247	329	12	358	4 8 0	...	1	Derrick	...	500	558	29	320	6 12 0	...	4	Govt. stores	638	510	77	1,968	21 4 0	0 2				
12	Jaggery	1,639	8,195	2,657	91	1,688	23 8 0	...	1	Empty	...	...	319	11	170	3 0 0	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
3	Salt	222	1,110	433	15	240	3 2 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
2	Spices	46	920	62	2	48	0 12 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
6	Black gram	432	640	576	21	651	7 8 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Garlic	511	2,110	282	10	190	2 12 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
3	Oil-cake	226	258	324	14	484	3 12 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
2	Booting-line	177	33	350	13	162	2 6 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
30	Empty boats	...	...	1,559	56	875	13 6 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
4	Passenger boats	...	...	115	4	64	1 2 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
77	Total	4,683	14,119	8,542	305	6,636	80 12 0	0 2 3	4		638	510	2,153	77	1,968	21 4 0	0 2	81		5,321	14,629	382	8,604	102 0 0	0 2 3				
TRAFFIC BETWEEN CUTTACK AND SEABOARD.																													
57	Paddy	6,751	3,375	9,002	...	...	128 4 0	...	2	Iron	1,399	5,995	1,806	...	...	27 12 0	...	23	Local	30,198	2,30,010	1,902	79,844	750 1 10	0 1 8				
30	Rice	8,190	8,190	13,392	...	...	194 10 0	...	1	Cal	735	1,102	980	...	...	14 10 0	...	6	Govt. stores	2,134	8,097	158	6,636	65 10 0	0 1 8				
24	Spices	8,385	1,67,700	11,234	...	...	145 0 0	...	3	Empty	...	...	1,565	...	...	23 4 0	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
8	Gram	978	1,467	1,349	...	...	19 2 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Salt	168	840	338	...	...	4 14 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
2	Lac	920	11,720	2,225	...	...	30 0 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Hides	700	7,000	1,022	...	...	15 0 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
2	Oil-cake	283	252	384	...	...	5 4 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Kharree	243	608	325	...	...	4 14 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Stationery	150	468	278	...	...	3 0 0	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				
1	Ganja	49	9,800	66	...	...	0 13 8	...				...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...				

of tollage on Government stores and materials the total shows a decrease of

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IRRIGATION BRANCH, BENGAL.

ORISSA CIRCLE.

Statement showing the Total Amount of Traffic and Tolls on the Taldundah Canal for the month of July 1874.

LENGTH OF CANAL OPEN—27 MILES.

PRIVATE TRAFFIC.										STORES AND MATERIALS FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.										ABSTRACT.									
Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	Number of boats.	Nature of traffic.	Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Tonnage.	Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	REMARKS.			
		Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Maunds.	Tons.						Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Maunds.	Tons.															
7	Paddy ...	Mds. 2,148	Rs. 1,200	3,259	116	1,048	8 2 5	...	8	Rubble ...	Mds. 3,275	Rs. A. P. 115 4 0	6,358	182	192	13 6 3	...	114	Local traffic Irrigation traffic ...	Mds. 16,163	Rs. A. 1,92 0	1,365	6,209	95 8 2	0 2 9				
1	Planks ...	144	40	326	12	127	0 13 0	...	8	Empty ...	...	...	2,083	74	74	5 3 4	...	16			3,275	115 4 0	268	266	18 9 7	0 1			
2	Charcoal ...	200	20	278	10	150	0 11 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
1	Onions ...	208	240	300	11	21	0 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
1	Fuel ...	198	20	351	12	50	0 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
44	Rubble ...	13,267	401	22,548	805	2,818	56 5 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
68	Empty ...	...	...	11,167	399	1,995	27 14 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
114	Total ...	16,163	1,921	38,229	1,365	6,209	95 8 2	0 2 9	16	...	3,275	115 4 0	7,441	268	266	18 9 7	1 1	130	...	19,438	2,036 4	1,631	6,475	114 1 9	0 3 2				
19	Total of same month last year ...	1,795	685	4,179	149	736	10 7 4	0 2 7	5	...	1,537	75 0 0	3,047	109	109	7 10 0	1 1 5	24	...	3,332	766 0	258	845	18 1 4	0 4				
MISCELLANEOUS.																													
	Logs, No. 17	...	100	...	...	...	2 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	Bamboos, No. 4,000	...	40	...	...	...	3 6 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Local	...	140 0	...	...	10 2 8	...				
	Demurrage of 6 boats for 18 days	...	...	...	...	...	4 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	Total ...	...	140	...	...	...	10 2 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
	Total of same month last year ...	...	5	...	...	...	0 5 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				
114	Grand Total	16,163	2,061	38,229	1,365	6,209	105 10 10	...	16	...	3,275	115 4 0	7,441	268	266	18 9 7	...	130	...	19,438	2,176 4	1,631	6,475	124 4 6	...				
19	Grand total of same month last year ...	1,795	690	4,179	149	736	10 12 8	...	5	...	1,537	75 0 0	3,047	109	109	7 10 0	...	24	...	3,332	765 0	258	845	18 6 8	...				

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SOUTH-WESTERN CIRCLE.

Statement showing the Total Amount of Traffic and Tolls on the Midnapore Canal for the month of July 1874.

LENGTH OF CANAL OPEN—53 MILES.

PRIVATE TRAFFIC.										STORES AND MATERIALS FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.										ABSTRACT									
Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.		Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.		Number of boats.	Nature of traffic.	Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Tonnage.	Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.		REMARKS.
		Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Mauuds.	Tons.							Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Mds.	Tons.														
		Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.				Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.					Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.	
26	Coal ...	5,750	1,880	11,775	...	...	53 15 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,241	Private traffic ...	1,76,043	9,71,740	18,911	3,68,577	5,828	8 9 0	3	
34	Cotton ...	4,599	92,352	11,150	...	...	79 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6	Firewood ...	1,028	501	2,280	...	...	8 8 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
60	Grain ...	7,073	22,711	16,585	...	...	132 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19	Hides and horns ...	2,280	24,550	4,385	...	...	53 13 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
42	Jaggery and sugar	4,727	12,317	11,260	...	...	74 14 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	Metal ...	4,155	96,700	8,985	...	...	62 9 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
221	Miscellaneous	14,666	43,373	34,545	...	...	312 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
47	Oil and oil-seeds ...	7,336	21,270	16,300	...	...	66 11 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
351	Paddy and rice	62,480	1,16,924	1,11,820	...	...	1,927 9 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28	Piece-goods	2,057	76,865	6,680	...	...	30 0 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
68	Thread ...	4,610	1,74,770	14,545	...	...	67 8 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
46	Garden produce	3,546	12,068	9,260	...	...	102 15 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
30	Pottery ...	877	674	6,515	...	...	41 10 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
125	Salt ...	36,894	1,20,700	61,910	...	...	643 13 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17	Silk and indigo	189	1,04,140	2,085	...	...	11 14 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1	Jute ...	10	40	70	...	...	0 4 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
15	Straw ...	1,450	1,018	4,500	...	...	19 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
69	Tobacco ...	9,400	45,637	19,390	...	...	246 3 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1	Tiles ...	100	28	275	...	...	1 0 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
16	Sand ...	2,845	242	6,140	...	...	23 0 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
870	Empty boats	...	...	88,305	...	...	893 10 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,134	Passenger boats	...	...	81,705	...	...	973 1 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3,241	Total ...	1,76,043	9,71,740	5,29,525	18,911	368,577	5,828 8 9 0	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,241	Total ...	1,76,043	9,71,740	18,911	3,68,577	5,828 8 9 0	3		
2,952	Total of same month last year	1,07,717	7,01,335	4,15,475	14,838	157,015	2,228 11 0 0	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,952	Total ...	1,07,717	7,01,335	14,838	1,57,015	2,228 11 0 0	2		

19 miles during the month, whereas in July 1873 the average was 10 miles.

MISCELLANEOUS.															Total	1,427	292 5 9
10	Rafts of timber, ...	1,427				21 4 0											
...	Passengers, No.					253 15 3									41		
...	10,617					17 2 6											
...	Demurrage, &c.																
9	Police boats																
22	Boats passed free...																
41	Total	1,427				292 5 9									41	1,427	292 5 9
12	Total of same month last year	868				215 14 6									12	868	215 14 6
3,282	Grand Total	1,76,043	9,73,167	5,29,525	18,911	368,577	6,118 14 6								3,282	1,76,043	9,73,167 18,911 368,577 6,118 14 6
2,964	Grand total of same month last year...	1,07,717	7,02,201	4,15,475	14,838	157,015	2,444 9 6								2,964	1,07,717	7,02,201 14,838 157,015 2,444 9 6

A ton of goods was carried on the average

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SOUTH-WESTERN CIRCLE.

Statement showing the Total Amount of Traffic and Tolls on the Tidal Canal for the month of July 1874.

LENGTH OF CANAL OPEN—29 MILES.

PRIVATE TRAFFIC.										STORES AND MATERIALS FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.										ABSTRACT.									
Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.		Number of boats.	Nature of cargo.	APPROXIMATE		TONNAGE OF BOATS.		Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.		Number of boats.	Nature of traffic.	Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Tonnage.	Ton mileage.	Tollage.	Rate of toll per ton mile.	REMARKS.	
		Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Maunds.	Tons.							Weight of cargo.	Value of cargo.	Maunds.	Tons.														
		Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.														Mds.	Rs.				Rs. A. P.	A. P.	
20	Tobacco ...	1,379	6,439	6,270	...	...	90 12 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,581	Local ...	1,72,570	2,76,826	14,359	416,424	5,956 13 3	0 27		
20	Salt ...	7,792	33,931	21,200	...	...	306 14 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
23	Miscellaneous ...	9,280	43,176	25,185	...	...	387 7 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
8	Mustard ...	770	2,795	2,800	...	...	35 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
5	Sugar ...	147	1,372	845	...	...	14 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
4	Sundree plank ...	112	93	1,205	...	...	20 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
14	Pottery ...	...	109	1,155	...	...	12 0 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Cocunut ...	100	450	200	...	...	1 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Wood-oil ...	28	800	275	...	...	4 15 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Sweetmeat ...	40	300	125	...	...	0 13 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Hemp ...	200	800	800	...	...	4 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Cloth ...	40	4,500	600	...	...	4 2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
3	Mata ...	340	3,400	1,230	...	...	8 7 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
14	Fruit ...	...	728	2,240	...	...	17 11 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
5	Jaggery ...	297	626	1,825	...	...	30 8 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Onion ...	8	8	50	...	...	0 5 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Oil-cake ...	15	15	135	...	...	1 9 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Palm-leaf ...	130	200	350	...	...	2 6 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
0	Vegetable ...	564	116	325	...	...	1 13 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Palanquin ...	...	770	625	...	...	9 14 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
7	Betal ...	708	285	680	...	...	6 9 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
0	Cotton ...	272	5,406	2,900	...	...	46 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
25	Fishery ...	...	299	1,005	...	...	8 15 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
62	Rice ...	4,277	8,216	8,970	...	...	113 12 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Ganges water ...	200	30	4 0	...	...	2 12 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
4	Sand ...	600	48	1,075	...	...	7 6 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Nut ...	150	600	475	...	...	8 9 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
2	Tamarind ...	64	108	300	...	...	2 1 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Beam-wood ...	162	3,230	2,025	...	...	26 4 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
535	Paddy ...	1,44,365	1,56,861	2,28,380	...	...	3,613 13 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
18	Straw ...	...	336	4,655	...	...	81 13 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Batal-wood ...	...	12	60	...	...	0 6 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Stone ...	25	75	50	...	...	0 5 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1	Iron ...	4	24	250	...	...	4 8 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
4	Firewood ...	611	79	1,355	...	...	10 3 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
38	Passenger boats ...	...	...	2,355	...	...	83 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
665	Empty ...	...	...	80,130	...	...	1,083 3 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1,581	Total ...	1,72,570	2,76,826	4,02,067	14,359	416,424	5,956 13 3	0 27	...	1,581	Local ...	1,72,570	2,76,826	14,359	416,424	5,956 13 3	0 27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

Rate of ton mileage calculated on whole distance, viz., 29 miles.

Rate of ton mileage calculated on whole distance, viz., 29 miles.

56	Total of same month last year ...	1,435	9,730	4,935	176	705	33	1	0	0	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	1,435	9,730	0	0	176	705	33	1	0	0	9	...	
	Passengers, (No. 590)	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	3	...	...	1	Teak plank (No. 9) ...	...	...	150	...	2	11	6	...	1	Local Government stores	...	...	...	11	0	3	...	
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	11	0	3	...	...	1	...	...	150	...	2	11	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	11	9	...		
	Total of same month last year ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
1,581	Grand Total	1,72,570	2,76,826	4,92,065	14,359	416,424	5,967	13	6	...	...	1	...	...	150	...	2	11	6	...	1,582	...	...	1,72,570	2,76,826	14,359	416,424	5,970	9	0	...
56	Grand Total of same month last year ...	1,435	9,730	4,935	176	705	33	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

Only 4 miles of canal were open and the rest was closed for silt excavation.

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ABSTRACT.

CANALS.	TOLLAGE OF THE YEAR 1874-75.		TOLLAGE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR 1873-74.		REMARKS.
	During the month.	To end of the month.	During the corresponding month.	To end of corresponding month.	
ORISSA CIRCLE.					
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Kendrapara	920 1 10	3,934 10 3	1,055 11 3	4,592 3 6	
High Level, Section I.....	261 14 4	637 13 5	147 10 10	679 0 4	
Taldandah	124 4 5	256 9 3	18 6 8	320 3 11	
Total Orissa Circle	1,306 4 7	4,829 0 11	1,221 12 9	5,591 7 9	
SOUTH-WESTERN CIRCLE.					
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Mahapure	6,118 14 6	19,591 1 7	2,444 9 6	9,066 12 6	
Tidal	5,970 9 0	31,270 15 3	33 1 0	167 6 6	
Total South-Western Circle	12,089 7 6	50,862 0 10	2,477 10 6	9,234 3 0	
Grand Total	13,395 12 1	55,691 1 9	3,699 7 3	14,825 10 9	

The 16th September 1874.

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LIBERALITY OF BABOO HURBULLAB NARAIN SING ZEMINDAR, BHAGULPORE.

No. 6138—S.R., dated Calcutta, the 9th October 1874.

From—C. BERNARD, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department,
To—The Commissioner of the Bhagulpore Division.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 7401, dated the 30th September, giving cover to Mr. V. Taylor's memorandum regarding the good services done by zemindar Hurbullab Narain Sing. It appears that this enlightened gentleman has, during the late distress, rendered himself conspicuous by the liberality he has shown towards his ryots by foregoing his rents, by making advances of money or grain to his people, and by opening at his own cost a large number of relief works on his estates.

2. I am to request that the special acknowledgments of Government may be conveyed to Hurbullab Narain Sing for the good he has done, and for the excellent example he has set to the zemindars of North Behar.

No. 7401—S.R., dated Bhagulpore, the 30th September 1874.

Memo. by—G. N. BARLOW, Esq., C. S. I., Offg. Commissioner of the Bhagulpore Division.

COPY forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Scarcity and Relief Department, with reference to his No. 5075—S.R., dated 17th August 1874. The original papers are returned as requested.

Dated the 14th September 1874.

Memo. by—V. TAYLOR, Esq., Collector of Bhagulpore.

FORWARDED to the Commissioner with the original papers as verbally requested by him.

MEMORANDUM.

I CAN fully endorse the account given by this zemindar as regards the district of Bhagulpore. I know that it is said that he might have been more free in the advances made by him; but he had, I am convinced, a very thorough knowledge of what was necessary and what was not, and therefore did not advance to all who would have liked to have got something.

I personally visited and inspected several of his works, and the large tank near his own residence was a very large and well executed undertaking.

He showed me all his records of advances, bonds, and accounts, and from these as well as from other enquiries I am prepared to say that he has done a very great deal as well in the matter of advances as in the abstaining from the collection of his rents; it is also well known that he handed over his indigo lands for the cultivation of murwah and other food-crops.

This gentleman is by a long way the most enlightened zemindar in this district; he has done during the late distress a great deal of good and expended a great deal of money.

It is impossible for me to say positively that all the sums said by him to have been, and to be hereafter, remitted on account of rents due to him have been or will be written off his accounts uncollected, but I have no reason to suppose that he will not carry out to the end what he has asserted shall be done.

He has always come forward with large subscriptions when any public call has been made for such, and I have been able to verify the greater portion of the sums recorded by him; some, however, it appears was paid direct or through some other channel than the Collector's office. I have always found him ready to act and join in any good undertaking, and on the present occasion he has given great assistance in the supply of carriage and the building of golas; those at Kamp were erected by him to hold 50,000 maunds, and the price he has persisted in refusing to accept.

I wish much that other zemindars of the district were like him as well in intelligence as in energy and activity.

The 14th September 1874.

V. TAYLOR,
Collector of Bhagulpore.

Dated Bhagulpore, the 24th June 1874.

From—BABOO HURBULLAB NARAIN,
To—The Collector of Bhagulpore.

I HAVE the honor most respectfully to submit this my special report regarding the occurrence of scarcity in my zemindari (situate in zillahs Bhagulpore, Monghyr, and Tirhoot, some parts of which I have seen twice and some thrice), and the arrangement made for meeting it.

This special report is intended to show, first, the works for relief which have been finished; and secondly, those which have not been finished; and thirdly, the agency employed in conducting the duties thereof.

2. *State of the weather.*—From October 1873 to May 1874 certain quantity of rain fell during the cold season, but in the three preceding years no such thing did occur at this time of the year. Some rain fell in June, which did much good to the crops.

3. *State of the market.*—The supply of rice in the market gradually became poor. In October 1873 the rice was sold at 16 seers per rupee. In March the price was raised to 9 seers per rupee. This rice was of the coarsest kind and unpalatable. The other food-grains were imported extensively into the market, and the rate thereof was great. On the opening of the Government golas the price of rice fell to 12 seers per rupee. At present what rice is seen in the market is the Government rice. Those who concealed some grains for the purpose of profit have also commenced to sell them. In my zemindari in zillah Bhagulpore there is one place in which there are good many goldars of rice, viz., Moorleegunge. Even in this the rice was not imported from elsewhere, but exported from that place. There is not a single mahajun who would bring rice from elsewhere and retail it.

4. *State of the crops.*—In *re aghani* paddy. The subject has been exhausted; no further remark is necessary. As regards rubbee and cheena, it is sufficient to say that in this year the yield was more than our expectations; we had not any such thing during the two preceding years.

5. *Relief measures.*—The following arrangement was made for meeting the scarcity, the particulars of which will be given in the sequel:—

- 1st. Suspension of the rent for 1281, and bakya of 1280.
- 2nd. Purchase of rice, paddy, &c.
- 3rd. Tanks, bunds, buildings, &c.
- 4th. Tuccavee to ryots.
- 5th. Sudabrit.

6. *Suspension of rent.*—As regards the first, I am to state that I have allowed suspension of collection of rents to certain ryots who would have been put to much trouble had not this been done. In those mouzahs where the fear of scarcity was great, 4 to 16 annas,

and in some 16 annas rent collection was put in abeyance; total amount for 1281 Rs. 65,301-7-2. In those mouzahs bakya rent, amounting to Rs. 9,659-14-7 for the past year 1280, have been kept in abeyance, but by letter dated 18th March 1874 the said Rs. 9,659-14-7 were remitted.

Remission.

This has lightened the burden of distress which fell upon the people.

7. *Rice*.—I bought 4,000 maunds of rice from my own funds and certain quantity of rice worth Rs. 9,000. Out of Rs. 10,000 advanced by Government Rs. 722-4 were spent in conveyance charge, and balance, Rs. 277-12, is in hand. Seven thousand maunds of paddy were bought in this part of the country. The rice was purchased at Calcutta and brought to Sonebursa by rail and hired carts. Up to 31st May 7,422 persons purchased rice from my golas. The rice was sold at 12 seers per rupee. The minimum rate of purchase was four annas, and maximum 25, by each man at a time. In this number I have not included the number of coolies on the tanks who get their rice from the retailers, whose names have been included. Out of the rice purchased by me from my private funds, I gave certain quantity to the ryots in advance, and distributed some to the people, who refused to take food at the charitable institution, and also some quantity sold. The paddy was likewise distributed to the ryots and to the coolies on the famine works.

8. *Relief Works*.—The works for relief, such as tanks, bunds, and buildings, which were set on foot are shown below, viz., some which have been nearly Rs. 30,000 have been invested to the 31st August 1874. finished and some which have not been finished.

Works on new tanks which have been finished.

Number.	Name of Mouzah.	Specifica- tion of work.	Length in feet.	Breadth in feet.	Depth in feet.	Area in feet.	Total area, including bank.
							B. C. C.
1	Sonebursa	Tank	825	216	16	1,814,400	3 4 0
2	Bontakhen	Ditto	88	88	18	135,362	0 10 7
3	Schol	Ditto	148	156	7	140,896	1 2 10
4	Ditto	Ditto	140	108	8	120,960	0 15 11
5	Burhow	Ditto	180	169	10	288,000	2 3 3
6	Peprahce	Ditto	180	160	10	288,000	3 12 4
7	Silhet	Ditto	160	150	12	288,000	3 9 7
	Grand Total		1,421	1,018	81	3,079,648	13 10 3

The works on new tanks not finished—

Specification of works.	Length in feet.	Breadth in feet.	Depth in feet.	Area in feet.	Total area, including bank.
					B. C. C.
Three new tanks	582	600	27-1	843,266-6	3 8

Works on old tanks (not finished) which are being reclaimed—

Specification of works.	Length in feet.	Breadth in feet.	Depth in feet.	Area in feet.	Total area, including bank.
					B. C. C.
Four old tanks	891	691	47	1,985,970	3 9

The work on tanks will shortly cease on account of the water being out and the fall of rain. The works on hand will remain to be done.

Table showing bunds which obstruct water, and which do good to the crops.

Bunds	...	...	...	...	5,103 feet.
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Table showing Buildings.

This work regards the buildings made of brick, mortar, &c., the preparation of which has benefited the men; that is to say, preparation of bricks and mortar and transport of bricks gave employment to coolies. Lime and masons came from elsewhere.

Bricks plus mortar	...	...	...	42,100
Do. plus clay	...	...	...	24,400

9. *Advances*.—Up to the 31st May 1874, 1,500 men have received advances amounting to Rs. 9,500. In June a certain amount was given in advances; arrangement has been made to give further advance, and this will be given according to the circumstances of the case. The advances were given in money, rice, and paddy.

10. *Sudabrit*.—Up to 31st May the number of persons relieved has been as shown below:—

Number of persons relieved	...	...	15,854
			Mda. Srs.
Cooked food	...	...	20 22
Uncooked food	...	...	249 11
Total	...	...	269 33

A month's food was allowed to 156 men. On the occurrence of a fire and consequent destruction of houses in Sonebursa, a month's food, bamboos, and straw were given to the sufferers.

11. *Indigo lands*.—Besides the relief measures enumerated above, I have given for this year about 3,000 beeghas of indigo land (in which they had no authority to sow any other grains) to certain cultivators for sowing them with cheena. They did so, and had a good harvest. Afterwards these lands were sown with bhadoi.

12. *State of crops*.—The aghani paddy was sown in low lands. The fall of rain occasionally has done much good to them. The seeds have germinated, and promise a good crop. As regards bhadoi and myrwah, &c., which were sown, I am to state that the fall of rain has done much good to them. They promise to be a better crop.

13. *Relief agency*.—As regards relief works and the measures adopted regarding them, and for giving information regarding the state of each circle, I have made the following arrangements :—

Designation of Officers.	Number of men.	Remarks.
Relief officer	1	Has power to give advances, to give gratis food, &c., and to make enquiries.
Superintendents	4	General supervision.
Officer	1	To sell rice.
Ditto	1	To look after Sudabrit.
Overseers	5	To look after tanks and bunds.
Ditto	1	To look after buildings and pucca ghâts.
Peons	18	These men are to help the Overseers.
Total	31	

Besides these men certain officers who have other duties to perform have also been engaged in this work.

14. *State of men*.—I give below a succinct account of the state of people as appears to me after enquiry and inspection of the distressed localities appertaining to the sub-divisions of Mudhepoorah and Soopool, and after looking at the state of ryots and cultivators and those laborers who earn their means of livelihood by labor. It is already apparent that the paddy crop (aghani) was scanty, but the bhadoi was a very good one. This and some portion of the former (‡) that remained in the houses of ryots was, in consequence of the suspension of collection of rents, not sold. In consequence of the fear of famine some in this year gave away of these grains to their own mahajuns, from whom they used to borrow. The rubber crop was prepared by water from the wells, and the cheena was grown after much exertion. The fall of rain some time did much good to the rubber. All these improved the state of the ryots. Besides, in consequence of money being lent to them by zemindars and Government, much good has been done to them; for, by the fact of the money being lent without exorbitant interest, and for the reasons stated above, they now pass their time comfortably. Those who had carts and who got the plough bullocks engaged in the carts are much pleased with their state. Those who earn their food by labor have got work in tanks, bunds, &c., and have no idea of distress in their mind. Those who are old and infirm, and infants, in consequence of aid from Government, had no distress. In looking at the men in general, every one appears to be fat and plump. In consequence of the relief measures there is no block in the ordinary avocation. All these are mainly due to the kindness of Government. Government stands in the place of parents, and the duty of the father to the son has been shown in the kindness shown to the people. It is needless to state anything further regarding it.

15. *Aid through Government*.—It is with much respect and submission I beg to state that the aid given towards scarcity and relief on my part (through Government) is not to be considered as given by myself. The estate which belongs to me is not mine but of Government; my life and property are at your disposal.

Specification of lands given for roads.—Land which was given for the road from Mudhepoorah to Shapore, 14 miles; land for road from Bhoolia to Pusram; land for the road from Bungoon to Pathreeghât.

On the requisition of the Collector I sent for relief purposes 1,500 carts belonging to the indigo factories.

Rs. A. P.

Golas constructed at Kamp and Sonebursa for 70,000 maunds of rice	2,806	15	3
Subscription given at the meeting held at Mudhepoorah and Bhagulpore, amounting to	10,000	0	0
Given by my dependants	355	0	0

16. *State of men in Monghyr*.—Besides in most of the mouzahs in Monghyr, in certain mouzahs belonging to the Bukhtiarpoore Circle, where the famine threatened, the condition of ryots improved in consequence of the aid given to them in the same way in which other ryots had assistance.

17. *State of men in Tirhoot*.—With reference to zillah Tirhoot, pergunnah Borraill, talooqua Burwameen (belonging to me), which lies west of Durbhunga, I am to state that in that place the shock of the famine was great; but in consequence of tucavee and donations made

to the cultivators, and on account of the work on roads, &c., for laborers, the condition of the ryots has so far improved as to be relied upon. As seen by me, I beg also to say that in that quarter the usual avocation of men is in progress through the kindness of Government. To write about it volumes after volumes would not suffice. This patronizing kindness has found a place in the minds of men, the thanks for which are beyond description.

18. *Thanks*—In conclusion, I am to add that I am indeed grateful to Mr. V. Taylor, our Collector, for the instructions and special favor shown to me, and which did much good to me.

I hope that if in this report (which has been prepared after translation from Urdu to English) there be anything contrary to the usual style of writing, I may be pardoned.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE DARJEELING MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 1873-74.

No. 2662, dated Julpigoree, the 25th September 1874.

From—Sir W. J. HERSCHEL, BART., Commissioner of the Cooch Behar Division,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department.

I HAVE the honor to submit the divisional municipal report for 1873-74.

2. There is only one municipality, viz., in Darjeeling. Mr. Edgar's report of the history of this institution and its work during the year is so complete, that I have nothing to add to it.

3. The need for a municipality in Julpigoree has been strongly brought to notice lately by the Deputy Commissioner of that district. A proposal to introduce Act XXVI of 1850 is now in hand.

No. 13M., dated Darjeeling, the 18th August 1874.

From—J. WARE EDGAR, ESQ., Deputy Commissioner and ex-officio Chairman
of the Darjeeling Municipality,

To—The Commissioner of the Cooch Behar Division, Julpigoree.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report on the working of the Darjeeling Municipality for the year 1873-74, the preparation of which has been unavoidably delayed by my frequent and lengthened absences from the station since the close of the year.

2. At the end of the year under report very great changes were made in the limits and constitution, as well as in the scope and objects of the municipality, so that it may almost be said that the old municipality ceased to exist, and that a new one came into being on the 1st of April last. I think it well, therefore, to give in this report a brief history of the old municipality before taking up the subjects more immediately connected with last year's working.

3. In 1825 the Sikkim Puti Rajah ceded to the East India Company, under the name of Darjeeling, all the lands south of the Great Rungeet River, east of the Balasun, Kohil, and Little Rungeet rivers, and west of the Rungnoo and Mahanuddi rivers. This is a strip of very hilly country about twenty-four miles long from north to south, with an average breadth of nearly six miles from east to west. Its total area is about 138 square miles. The Government of India directed in 1838 that the quit-rents paid by settlers in this ceded tract should be appropriated to a fund to be called the Location Fund, and employed for conservancy and for purposes of local improvement. The rent of certain bazars built out of this fund, and of other shops and buildings existing on public lands, were afterwards added to the fund. In 1854 Government directed that all the proceeds from land in the ceded tract should be given up for local purposes.

4. The funds derived from the above sources were managed by the Superintendent of Darjeeling until 1860, when Act XXVI of 1850 was introduced, and Municipal Commissioners appointed under it.

The municipality thus appointed included not only the station of Darjeeling and the bazars of Kurseong, twenty miles, and Punkabaree, twenty-six miles distant from it, but a great tract of forest country in parts of which tea cultivation had already been commenced.

Among many miscellaneous items of revenue of the municipality at starting I find "Land revenue from the ceded tract," "Bazar shop rent," "Commutation money of annual rent of building sites," "Commutation money of existing waste land leases," "Purchase-money of waste land sold under the new rules." In 1864, however, it was found that the receipts from the last-mentioned sources amounted to Rs. 5,24,705, and Government decided that this amount, as well as all other moneys to be thereafter realized on account of such waste lands, should be carried to credit of Government, but that all the balance in hand arising from other sources, and all realized on account of instalments due for land sold under the old rules and on account of commutation of old leases, should belong to the Municipal Fund.

5. In April 1865 Act III of 1864 was extended to Darjeeling. The old boundaries were however still retained, and all moneys received in commutation of the rent of lands situated within municipal limits were included in the Municipal Fund and dealt with as if they were legitimate income. In 1868 however the Government directed that two funds should be formed, one composed of all receipts which were of the nature of capital, to be called the Improvement Fund, while other receipts were to be carried to the Municipal Fund formed under Section 13 of Act III of 1864. At the same time, however, the Lieutenant-Governor promised to aid the Municipal Fund from time to time with grants from the Improvement Fund. Advantage was taken of this in subsequent years, and much money was obtained from this fund and spent on works, the permanent utility of many of which was doubtful.

6. Meantime as numerous tea-gardens were formed within municipal limits, the position of the municipality grew very unsatisfactory. Its revenue continued steadily to decrease as the rent-paying leaseholds were one after another commuted into fee-simple terms. It was found practically impossible to make the tea-gardens liable to taxation under Act III of 1864, while the municipality was considered responsible for roads from which only the tea-gardens derived benefit. It was impossible to form an effectual Municipal Police for an area of 138 square miles, and the municipality paid a heavy yearly contribution to the Bengal Police, in return for which the dwellers in the sanitarium considered they got very little protection. The bye-laws and rules of the municipality were a dead letter throughout the greater part of its area. These considerations seem to have led the Municipal Commissioners to suggest in 1872 that the area of the municipality should be reduced within more manageable limits; at the same time they expressed their willingness to retain their existing limits and liabilities, provided the Government granted them certain concessions. It was finally settled that the house-tax, which had been previously levied at the rate of three per cent., should be raised to five per cent.; that a wheel and horse tax should be extended to the municipality; that a portion of the cost of the Municipal Police, *i.e.*, of the municipal contribution to the Bengal Police, should be defrayed by Government; and that a sum of Rs. 3,000 should be transferred to the Municipal Commissioners for roads in the outlying parts of the municipality.

7. In May 1873 the Municipal Commissioners, together with some of the residents of the district, met the late Lieutenant-Governor to consider the position of the municipality. At this meeting it was settled that the limits of the municipality should be contracted so as to coincide with those of the sanitarium, and that the remainder of the ceded territory should be treated like the remainder of the district, and its roads managed by the District Road Committee. The Lieutenant-Governor agreed that the location rents within the new municipal limits should go to the municipality. He directed that the limits should be settled by the Deputy Commissioner in consultation with the residents, and that proposals for a Municipal Police should also be drawn up. It was also settled that the cart-tax, introduced some months previously, should be abandoned.

8. The new boundaries by which the municipal area was reduced from 138 square miles to about 7½ square miles, were finally settled at a meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held on the 22nd of July 1873, and submitted to Government for sanction. At the same time a proposal was submitted for a Municipal Police force, which, it was hoped, would give efficient protection to the station at a cost much less than the average amount of the contribution paid to the Bengal Police during some years previous. At the same time twelve gentlemen residing in the station were nominated to Government for appointment as Municipal Commissioners under the new system, as several members of the old body were residents of, and chiefly interested in, the excluded portion of the ceded territory. The orders of Government on these proposals were not all received until December, and in the meantime the work of the municipality was carried on by the Chairman assisted by a Finance Sub-Committee, which had been appointed at the beginning of the year, the members of which were the Revd. G. M. Wilson, and Messrs. G. Trentler and A. D. Larmore.

9. The following gentlemen were Municipal Commissioners during the year :—

For the old Municipality.

The Deputy Commissioner	...	Chairman.
Mr. William Lloyd	...	Vice-Chairman.

Members.

Revd. G. M. Wilson.	The Executive Engineer of Civil Works.
Mr. J. H. Doyle.	The Commissioner of the Division.
" C. Grant.	Mr. J. Tweedie.
" R. F. Graham.	" A. M. Macdonald.
Dr. T. Duka, Civil Surgeon.	" G. Trentler.
The District Superintendent of Police.	Baboo Gour Mohun Chatterjee.

Mr. Lloyd, Vice-Chairman till 22nd July 1873.

" A. D. Larmore, Vice-Chairman from 22nd October 1873. Six of these gentlemen resided outside the present municipal limits.

Commissioners appointed in October 1873 for the new Municipality.

The Deputy Commissioner...	...	<i>Ex-officio Chairman.</i>
The Commissioner of the Cooch Behar Division	...	<i>Ex-officio Member.</i>
The Executive Engineer of Civil Works	...	<i>Ditto.</i>
The Assistant Commissioner	...	<i>Vice-Chairman.</i>

Members.

The Civil Surgeon for the time being.	Mr. G. Trentler.
Mr. J. H. Doyle.	„ A. B. L. Webb.
„ C. Grant.	Rev. G. M. Wilson.
„ W. Judge.	Baboo Gour Mohun Chatterjee.

Ten of these gentlemen reside within municipal limits.

At the beginning of the year the Commissioners appointed three of their members to be a kind of Financial Sub-Committee, and to audit the accounts of moneys spent by the Chairman in his executive capacity. The assistance given by these gentlemen was very great, and the system has done much to promote economical working.

10. The total income of the municipality during the year was Rs. 28,350. Out of this sum Rs. 5,038 was derived from the house-tax levied at the rate of 5 per cent; the pony and cart taxes produced Rs. 1,034; the bazar rents amounted to Rs. 11,949; ground-rents of petty holdings to Rs. 1,236; location rents to Rs. 4,226; and miscellaneous receipts, as dispensary subscriptions, hire of palkee-bearers, and the like, to Rs. 4,867.

11. The total amount expended during the year was Rs. 30,581, being Rs. 2,743 more than had been estimated for, and Rs. 2,231 more than the income of the year. But to meet this there was a balance remaining in hand from the preceding year of Rs. 2,311; consequently there was no deficit in the year, and the new municipality commenced with a small balance in its favor. Still any excess of expenditure over the actual income of the year requires to be accounted for, and I may here mention in explanation that for some time previously many of the station roads had been allowed to get into a bad state, and some most important ones had been actually abandoned. It was found necessary, in consequence of this, to spend during the year about Rs. 3,000 more than the amount allotted in the budget upon roads in or near the station.

12. The amount spent directly upon conservancy during the year was Rs. 6,023. Besides this about Rs. 1,500 was spent upon drainage, the water-supply, &c., in items which are so closely mixed up with the expenditure on repairs of roads and buildings, &c., that it is not possible to calculate the amount with absolute accuracy. The cost to the municipality of the hospital and dispensary, exclusive of repairs, was Rs. 2,227. The total expenditure of the municipality upon sanitation and medical relief was therefore Rs. 9,750, that is, more than one-third of its income. For the bazar and station there is a very good system of conservancy with latrines on the dry-earth system, and a strong force of sweepers and carts to collect and remove all refuse daily. The result is that Darjeeling is one of the cleanest hill stations in India. The water-supply is brought down in pipes from springs in Jallapahar hill, which rises above the station. The water is said to be pure and of good quality, and the supply is sufficient during the rainy months, but it is very scanty during the dry part of the year, and the Municipal Commissioners have been anxiously considering the possibility of increasing it by carrying on the system of pipes to more distant springs, but they have hitherto been unable to solve the pecuniary difficulties of the project. It would be quite impossible to defray the cost out of their current income, and it is doubtful whether their resources would justify their borrowing the needful funds. In the present state of the sanitarium it seems quite impossible to impose further taxation.

13. The total amount spent on roads, drainage, railings, &c., was Rs. 9,637, including the cost of establishments. Out of this sum Rs. 3,844 was spent on roads lying outside the limits of the new municipality, and Rs. 5,792 upon roads, &c., within these limits. The entire length of station roads, not including by-paths and roads supported by imperial and provincial funds, is 21 miles, and a great portion of this had practically to be made during the year. The cost of renewing railings, putting up bridges, buildings, revetments, &c., was also much more than I hope it will be in future years. On the other hand, it must be said that owing to the smallness of the rainfall, the year was a peculiarly favorable one, and possibly hereafter, if the work of renewal may be less costly, the charges for maintenance may be higher than they were in 1873-74.

14. The remaining heads of expenditure, with one exception, do not call for detailed remarks.

The cost of police establishments was Rs. 3,263. Of this Rs. 1,829 was the contribution to the general Bengal Police up to September 1873, and Rs. 1,434 was the cost of the special municipal force from the 1st October 1873 to the end of the year.

15. With reference to paragraph 5 of Circular No. 27 of the 16th August 1873, I have to point out that the remark therein made upon the subject of house-tax does not apply to this municipality. There can be no doubt that the tax itself is not popular with house-owners, and it is felt to press heavily in years like the present one, when the number of visitors who spend the entire season in Darjeeling is few. But the assessment is made on the value of the houses, and there is no tendency towards imposing the rate with reference to the means of the

rate-payers. I think that both this rate and the pony-tax are particularly suited to the circumstances of a sanitarium like Darjeeling, and am satisfied that they work fairly well.

II.—*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the several Municipalities under Act III of 1864 (Bengal Council), in Bengal, in the year 1873-74.*

COOCH BEHAR DIVISION,—DARJEELING DISTRICT.

MEMBERS	Europeans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
	Natives	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Non-officials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Total									12
Number of sittings held during the year									3
POPULATION	Hindoo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,881
	Mahomedans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,127
	Christians	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	742
	Other races	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,957
Total population									22,707
Balance at the close of the preceding year									Rs. A. P. 2,311 0 0
INCOME	Tax on houses, lands, and buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,038 0 0
	Tax on horses, carriages and carts, including registration fees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,034 0 0
	Cattle pound	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	364 0 0
	Rent of houses, gardens, and lands belonging to the Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,236 0 0
	Rent of Municipal bazar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,949 0 0
	Fines levied under the Municipal law	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48 0 0
Other sources									8,681 0 0
Total income									28,350 0 0
Incidence of Municipal taxation proper per head of population									0 4 3
Income of the past year									30,441 0 0
Average income of the three preceding years									35,151 0 0
EXPENDITURE	Police	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,263 0 0
	Conservancy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,023 0 0
	Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,112 0 0
	Roads	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,637 0 0
	Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,123 0 0
	Works of public utility, including lighting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,670 0 0
Miscellaneous									3,753 0 0
Total expenditure									30,581 0 0
Balance in hand at the close of the year									80 0 0

N. B.—The location rents within the station, made over to the Municipality under Government Resolution of the 7th June 1873, are included in the figures exhibited under the heading "Other sources."

J. WARE EDGAR, Dy. Commr., and ex-officio Chairman.

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE HOOGHLY AND
CHINSURAH MUNICIPALITY FOR THE YEAR 1873-74.

No. 441, dated Burdwan, the 26th September 1874.

From—C. T. BUCKLAND, Esq., Commissioner of the Burdwan Division,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Judicial Department.

I HAVE the honor to submit in original the annual administration report of the Hooghly and Chinsurah Municipality for the year 1873-74.

2. There were altogether 23 municipal commissioners during the year, of whom 11 were officials and 12 non-officials. Twelve meetings of the municipal commissioners were held during the year, of which seven were general and five sub-committee meetings. The average attendance of members at the general meeting was 8.37. It is reported that the members generally gave ready aid and assistance in the revision of assessment, &c.

3. The actual receipts during the year amount to Rs. 30,824-0-6, showing a deficit of Rs. 1,862-15-5 as compared with the budget estimate. The deficit was chiefly under the head of house-rate. This is attributed to the fact that the entire demand for the 4th quarter of the year remained uncollected on account of the scarcity which began to be felt towards the close of the year.

4. The total expenditure during the year was Rs. 31,292-1-0, which exceed the actual receipts by Rs. 468-0-6. This excess sum is stated to have been disbursed from the amount of the hackney carriage fees, &c., held in deposit, and was reimbursed in the first month of the current financial year.

5. The administration reports of the Serampore and Ootterpara municipalities have not yet been received. A reminder has been issued to-day to the Magistrate of Hooghly to expedite their submission.

No. 510, dated Hooghly, the 12th September 1874.

From—W. F. MERES, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Commissioners for
Hooghly and Chinsurah,
To—The Officiating Magistrate of Hooghly.

I HAVE the honor to submit the annual administration report of the municipality of Hooghly and Chinsurah for the year ending the 31st of March 1874.

2. During the year the following were the municipal commissioners:—

- C. T. Buckland, Esq., Divisional Commissioner.
- F. H. Pellew, Esq., Magistrate and Collector, Chairman.
- W. E. Ward, Esq., Magistrate and Collector, Officiating.
- W. F. Meres, Esq., Joint-Magistrate, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.
- W. H. Weekes, Esq., Joint-Magistrate, Vice-Chairman, Officiating.
- R. F. Thompson, Esq., Civil Surgeon.
- F. S. Collier, Esq., Assistant Magistrate.
- F. H. Kisch, Esq., Assistant Magistrate.
- W. H. Wells, Esq., Executive Engineer.
- R. Thwaytes, Esq., Principal of the Hooghly College.
- Syud Keramat Ali, Mutwali of the Hooghly Imambarah.
- Baboo Dwarka Nath Chuckerbutty, Master of the Hooghly College.
- „ Obboy Churn Nundy, Zemindar and Trader.
- „ Joy Kissun Mookerjya, Zemindar.
- „ Lal Behari Dutt, Zemindar and Trader.
- „ Nemai Chund Sil, Trader.
- „ Doorga Churn Law, Trader.
- „ Brindaban Chunder Mundul, Zemindar.
- „ Eshan Chunder Mitter, Government Pleader.
- „ Ashutosh Ghose, Zemindar.
- Moulvi Obedullah, of the Hooghly Madrussa.
- „ Naziruddeen Mahomed, Pensioner.
- Sultan Bashiruddeen Ahmed.

3. The following changes in the committee occurred during the year:—

Mr. W. E. Ward officiated as Chairman for three months during the absence on leave of Mr. F. H. Pellew; Mr. W. H. Weekes acted as Vice-Chairman for twenty days during the absence on leave of Mr. W. F. Meres; Baboo Brindaban Chunder Mundul resigned his appointment as Municipal Commissioner, and Messrs. F. S. Collier and H. Kisch were transferred from this district.

4. There were twelve meetings of the commissioners during the year, of which seven were general meetings and five sub-committee meetings. The average attendance of members at the general meetings was 8.37. These figures do not represent the measure of the interest taken by the commissioners in the affairs of the municipality. The members generally gave ready aid in assisting in the revision of assessments, the supervision of the tax collection, and local inquiries in connection with cases and other business. I beg here to be allowed to place on record my obligations to Baboos Dwarka Nath Chuckerbutty, Nemai Chund Sil, Moulvi Naziruddeen Mahomed, and Sultan Bashiruddeen Ahmed, who afforded me valuable assistance in this work.

5. The total income of the municipality during the past year amounted to Rs. 30,738-2-2. The opening balance was Rs. 85-14-4.

6. The house-tax rate was Rs. 6½ per cent. on the rents. This rate has been in force since the second year of the municipality. It brings in enough for the maintenance of an efficient police force and the execution of a fair quantity of road work and sanitary improvements, and I hope occasion may not arise for the enhancement of the rate. The incidence of taxation is 14 annas and 1 pie per head.

The collection under the head of house-tax amounted to Rs. 18,660-8-6 as compared with Rs. 24,819-5-9 collected in 1872-73, and Rs. 17,845-14-6 collected in 1871-72. The collections show traces of the period of scarcity which marked the close of the year under review. The outstanding balance, amounting to Rs. 10,945-7 is very large, and is due to the pressure of the times and the care with which the demand has been enforced. The ameen has worked better last year than in the previous one; but their work does not show a large return, as I have issued processes for realization with caution. Of the outstanding balance for the year 1870-71, the whole has since been remitted or collected, and out of the balance of 1871-72, Rs. 29-14 have been since collected, and Rs. 155-14-3 remitted; and of the balance of 1872-73, Rs. 158-1 have been remitted and Rs. 51-11-3 collected.

7. The collections under the horse and wheel tax, and the registration of carts, call for no remarks.

8. *Fines*.—Under this head Rs. 758-1-3 were collected, as against Rs. 293-4 collected in the previous year. The increase was due to the large sum of Rs. 348 having been realized on a daily fine of a person who obstructed one of the main drains of Chinsurah by the excavation of a tank. The order was subsequently upset on appeal to the High Court, and the fine was refunded.

9. *Ferries*.—There was a slight decrease in the collections under this head as compared with the collections of the preceding year.

10. *Pounds*.—The collections under this head show an increase of Rs. 372-10-3 over the collection of the previous year. This increase is mainly due to the increased efficiency of the police in impounding cattle found straying on the roads.

11. *License fees*.—Under this head there is an increase of Rs. 409-6 over the receipts of the previous year. A statement is given in Appendix A, showing in detail the collections made under this head. The bulk of the licenses issued are for burning bricks and for small depôts of straw and coal. The rate at which the straw and coal depôt licenses are issued appears high as compared with the rate charged for establishments involving the use of steam-power. The question of a revision of the rates was under the consideration of the commissioners at the close of the year. There are three small steam mills in the municipality for the preparation of brick-dust for building purposes.

12. A detailed statement of the demand, collection, and balance of house tax, and of horse and wheel tax, and of stable refuse tax, for the past and previous years, is shown below. The balance of these taxes of the previous years, which remained uncollected on the opening of the past year, has been shown as demands for those years:—

Statement showing the demand, collection, and balance of taxes for the past and previous years.

		NATURE OF TAXES.			
		House tax.	House and Wheel tax.	Stable refuse tax.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Demand	1870-71 ...	443 8 9	56 4 0	21 10 0	521 6 9
	1871-72 ...	927 6 3	97 8 0	27 6 0	1,052 4 3
	1872-73 ...	5,907 10 3	544 4 0	88 8 0	6,540 6 3
	1873-74 ...	22,588 9 3	1,328 4 0	171 4 0	24,088 1 3
	Total ...	29,897 2 6	2,026 4 0	308 12 0	32,202 2 6
Collection	1870-71 ...	0 5 0	...	...	0 5 0
	1871-72 ...	50 11 0	28 8 0	...	79 3 0
	1872-73 ...	4,513 5 0	426 2 0	59 10 0	4,999 1 0
	1873-74 ...	14,096 3 6	784 8 0	89 6 0	14,970 1 6
	Total ...	18,660 8 6	1,239 2 0	149 0 0	20,048 10 6
Remission	1870-71 ...	179 12 0	56 4 0	16 14 0	252 14 0
	1871-72 ...	0 7 6	...	...	0 7 6
	1872-73 ...	2 13 0	...	...	2 13 0
	1873-74 ...	78 2 6	1 8 0	...	79 10 6
	Total ...	261 3 0	57 12 0	16 14 0	335 13 0
Balance	1870-71 ...	263 7 9	...	4 12 0	263 3 9
	1871-72 ...	876 3 9	69 0 0	27 6 0	972 9 9
	1872-73 ...	1,301 8 3	118 2 0	28 14 0	1,538 8 3
	1873-74 ...	8,414 3 3	542 4 0	81 14 0	9,038 5 3
	Total ...	10,945 7 0	729 6 0	142 14 0	11,817 11 0
Total	Demand ...	29,897 2 6	2,026 4 0	308 12 0	32,202 2 6
	Collection ...	18,660 8 6	1,239 2 0	149 0 0	20,048 10 6
	Remission ...	261 3 0	57 12 0	16 14 0	335 13 0
	Balance ...	10,945 7 0	729 6 0	142 14 0	11,817 11 0
	Total ...	10,945 7 0	729 6 0	142 14 0	11,817 11 0

13. *Miscellaneous receipts*.—The total income derived from the rent of municipal property and from fees on warrants and other miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 1,536-5-5.

14. *Total expenditure of past year*.—The total expenditure during the past year amounted to Rs. 31,292-1 only, being Rs. 468-0-6 over the income for the past year. The excess sum was drawn from the amount of the hackney carriage fees, &c., held in deposit in the municipal fund, and was reimbursed in the first month of the current financial year.

15. The expenditure may be thus classified—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Collection charges	...	...	1,764 0 0
2. Conservancy	...	...	4,884 8 3
3. Police	...	...	10,169 9 10
4. Compensation for lands	...	...	1,354 6 9
5. Roads	...	...	5,526 13 0
6. Drainage work	...	...	694 10 0
7. Miscellaneous works	...	...	1,808 4 5
8. Lighting	...	...	1,577 14 6
9. Watering	...	...	536 12 0
10. Office establishment	...	...	1,120 0 0
11. Contingencies	...	...	1,855 2 3
			31,292 1 0

16. Details of charges of collection of taxes are shown in appendix B. They are the same as those of the previous year.

17. *Conservancy*.—Under this head Rs. 4,884-8-3 were spent. The establishment cost Rs. 4,112-13-9, the balance having been expended on repairs of latrines and general conservancy contingent charges. The conservancy establishment is large, consisting of three superior officers and fifty coolies, cart drivers, and mehters. It is, however, not larger than absolutely needful; the coolies, besides opening out side drains and executing general conservancy work, also do a considerable amount of road work in the repairs of the numerous unmetalled lanes and bye-paths with which the municipality is intersected. These amount to about forty-three miles, and have been kept in good order by the conservancy establishment throughout the year.

Latrines.—There are three latrines in this municipality. One is situated at Bali, and is chiefly intended for the convenience of suitors attending the courts, and the boat population at the Hooghly Ghât; it is also available for the public residing in the vicinity of the latrine. The other two are small latrines erected for the convenience of the police at the outposts of Peepulputty and the Khurabazar, but are also open to the use of the public. All these latrines are largely resorted to by the poorer classes. They have effected something, but not much, in the diminution of the defilement of the river-bank and waste places within the municipality. Very great results in this direction cannot be expected from the establishment of three latrines amongst a closely packed population of 34,761 people, a large part of whom have no privies. A beginning has, however, been made, and I hope that more of these conveniences may be erected.

Removal of night-soil.—This is done by private agency; there fortunately exists within the municipality a colony of the sweeper caste who serve private native families in this duty. The soil is removed in the early part of the morning in covered receptacles (of a suitable pattern approved by the municipal commissioners) to a plot of land hired by the municipality for this purpose, and is buried in trenches. This work has been fairly done throughout the year.

Burning Ghâts.—There are five burning-ghâts named in the margin. They are attended by moordarferrashes paid partly by fees and partly by a fixed salary. The work has been performed fairly well. Inconvenience is sometimes felt owing to these attendants not living near the ghâts. It is under consideration to provide suitable residence for them near the ghâts to which they are attached.

Removal of stray dogs.—Complaints had frequently been made of the stray dog nuisance, and it has been greatly abated to the general satisfaction of the community by the destruction of over 190 of these animals.

18. *Arboriculture*.—The efforts of the municipality in this direction have been chiefly confined to tending the trees already planted out, and filling up blank places in the existing avenues. The trees have suffered from the scanty rains of the last season. The specimens of *Poinciana Regia* (of which there are upwards of one hundred and fifty planted about the municipality) now in their third year, gave promise in March last of the display which they will make next hot season. We have not been very successful with *Cosua* trees. Plants put out four years ago still require support. They are always very liable to injury, and rarely form fine specimens unless planted in clumps in sheltered positions.

19. *Tank-digging*.—Owing to the partial rains of last season, most of the tanks in the municipality became dry, and the past cold weather has been an exceptionally good season for their re-excavation. Great activity has prevailed in this work, and up to the close of March last no less than 57 tanks, many of them of large size, had been thoroughly re-dug, and 62 more were in progress. Much permanent benefit to the public health is expected to result from this work, which has been in a great degree effected by the action taken by the Municipal Committee in issuing 213 notices on the proprietors of the tanks which required to be cleansed.

20. *Vaccination*.—A vaccinator was entertained throughout the year. The following is the result of his work :—

Total number vaccinated	...	...	...	2,641
Successful	...	...	...	2,158
Failures	...	...	...	402
Unknown	...	...	...	81
				2,641

21. *General health*.—The Civil Surgeon of Hooghly, Dr. R. F. Thompson, has kindly placed at my disposal the following note on the general health of the municipality during the past year :—

"The general health of the people living within the Hooghly and Chinsurah Municipality has been good. Cases of fever, which forms by far the largest portion of the complaints, were comparatively fewer than in the year preceding. Fever of the epidemic type has scarcely been met with, and this good result might partly be attributed to the dryness of the atmosphere consequent upon the scarcity of rains. Cholera broke out here and there, but not in a severe form, nor with its usual virulence. Towards the latter end of the year under review chicken-pox made its appearance in and around Shahagunge. It entered the jail, but the timely adoption of due and stringent measures checked the disease before it could do any material harm. The deaths caused by the diseases spoken of above were very few, and in proportion to those of the last year are almost inconsiderable. With the exception of these, a few instances of bowel complaints also came under observation. Those who suffered most from this disease were children, none of whom, as far as I can learn, fell victims to it.

"The sanitary improvements within the municipal boundary have been satisfactorily effected. Open pucca drains have been built on both sides of the roads running through Chinsurah, Hooghly, Kamarparah Bazar, and other places. The kutchra drains have been widened and prevented from being choked up or closed. The station is naturally well drained, because of its proximity to the river. All these circumstances have jointly operated in making the sanitation of the towns as good as possible.

"The roads within the municipal limits have been kept in good order. The streets have been well swept and watered. The public latrines have been always closely watched, and kept clean, and in good order. The latrines and drains belonging to private individuals have also been preserved neat and clean by constant and strict supervision."

22. *Police*.—The total expenditure on this head during the past year amounted to Rs. 10,169-9-10. The force consisted of—

1 Sub-Inspector, at Rs. 50 per month.	7 Constables at Rs. 9 each per month.
1 Head Constable, at " 20 " "	18 " at " 8 " "
1 Ditto " 15 " "	25 " at " 7 " "
3 Head Constables at " 10 each " "	58 " at " 6 " "

23. *Compensation for land*.—Rs. 1,354-6-9 were paid as compensation for land taken up for the Bali latrine and Mookherjyaguli road. This sum was advanced by the District Collector, and was recovered from the municipality during the past year.

24. *Road works*.—As an experimental measure, Khyrasole kunkur was used in repairing the Karbala road extending from the Grand Trunk Road to Chowkimorah. The total cost of this work was Rs. 1,914-8. Thorough repairs were also done to the Shahagunge road with brick ballast at an expense of Rs. 1,018-13. Besides the above, repairs were done to other roads, of which the costs are shown in detail in the accompanying statement of the actual receipts and disbursements for the past year.

Drainage work.—Two new surface drains were completed during the past year at a total cost of Rs. 628-13, namely, the Hooghly Chuckbazar drain and the Ghootiabazar drain; the cost of the former being Rs. 578-13, exclusive of the amount paid on account in 1872-73, and of the latter Rs. 50 only.

Miscellaneous works.—Rs. 1,119-9-5 being balance of cost of reconstructing the Charghata cowshed which had been finished in the preceding year, and also the balance of cost of the Aymah outpost, amounting to Rs. 573-11, were paid up during the year under review.

25. *Lighting*.—During the past year 78 street lamps were lighted in the municipality at a monthly cost of Rs. 122. Following the example of the Madras Municipality, lights were given only on dark nights, commencing from the 3rd day of the new moon and closing on the 3rd day of the full moon. The total expenditure under this head during the year was Rs. 1,577-14-6.

26. *Watering*.—The total amount spent for watering the roads during the year was Rs. 536-12 only. The names of the roads watered are given below :—

Town Guard Road, from old Town Guard to Tolaputtuck.
Strand Road, from the Chinsurah Cantonments to the Hooghly Chuck Ghât.
Road from Peepulputty to the Hooghly Post Office, Baboogunge new road.
Road from Kabariparah to the Hooghly Chuck Ghât.
Road from Rajbari to Karbala.
Road from Rajbari to Ghunta Ghât.

Owing to the drought, the water in the tanks ran out, and road-watering had to be abandoned towards the latter part of the hot season.

APPENDIX C.

Statement showing the number of cases instituted and disposed of, and the amount of fines levied thereon during the year 1873-74.

Description of Offences.	Cases instituted.	Cases in which the parties were convicted.	Cases dismissed.	Fines imposed.
				Rs. A. P.
Depositing sweepings upon public highways after fixed hours ...	4	1	3	0 8 0
Allowing night-soil and other offensive matter to flow from houses to public drains and highways ...	106	81	25	61 1 0
Obstructions and encroachments upon public highways by fence, rail, or post ...	18	10	8	11 10 0
Retaining night-soil in privies near public highways and other places, causing injury to public health ...	157	117	40	73 0 0
Keeping filth and jungles in lands and houses near public highways ...	122	88	34	96 2 0
Depositing building materials on public highways without permission ...	1	1	...	1 0 0
Carrying on offensive trade without license ...	86	24	12	44 8 0
Making excavations without the permission of the Commissioners ...	6	4	2	5 8 0
Obstructing drains by depositing bricks and rubbish in them ...	13	10	3	8 8 0
Carrying night-soil through the streets in receptacles not properly covered and after fixed hours ...	6	5	1	3 12 0
Keeping bazar in dirty state ...	2	2	...	8 4 0
Keeping water-spouts on houses to the injury of public roads ...	16	7	9	18 4 0
Driving vehicles in dark nights without lights ...	17	12	5	4 9 0
Breecting or renewing the external roofs of houses with inflammable materials ...	19	12	7	5 8 0
Allowing pigs to be at large ...	6	6	...	2 4 0
Making doors of privies towards public roads ...	3	2	1	2 8 0
Obstructing public drain without permission ...	1	1	...	348 0 0
Depositing carcases in places other than those fixed for the purpose by the Commissioners ...	1	1	...	0 8 0
Allowing to be loose diseased animals ...	1	1	...	0 8 0
Erecting pucca steps on drains without permission ...	2	2	...	1 8 0
Add balance of 1872-73 recovered in 1873-74 ...	537	387	150	709 6 0
				55 8 0
Deduct balance unrecovered of 1873-74 ...				764 14 0
				67 6 6
Add miscellaneous fines levied during 1873-74 ...				687 7 6
				60 9 9
Total ...				758 1 3

APPENDIX D.

Statement showing the names of the Commissioners who tried cases during 1873-74, the number of sittings held, and the nature and number of cases tried by each of them.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS.	No. of cases tried.			No. of cases in which the accused were convicted.			No. of cases dismissed.			No. of sittings.
	Conservancy cases.	Other cases.	Total.	Conservancy cases.	Other cases.	Total.	Conservancy cases.	Other cases.	Total.	
F. H. Pellew, Esq. ...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
W. F. Meres, Esq. ...	19	3	22	16	3	19	3	...	...	3
F. R. S. Collier, Esq. ...	4	13	17	2	12	14	2	1	...	3
R. Flawley, Esq. ...	31	10	41	25	9	34	6	1	...	7
R. F. Thompson, Esq. ...	38	6	44	26	4	30	12	2	...	14
W. D. Pratt, Esq. ...	37	9	46	29	4	33	8	6	...	13
Baboo Nemat Chund Sil	37	5	42	23	2	25	14	3	...	17
" Dwarka Nath Chuckerbusty	21	3	24	18	2	20	2	1	...	3
" Obhoy Churn Nundy	71	23	94	56	19	75	11	8	...	19
" Brindaban Chunder Mundul	18	...	18	15	...	15	3	...	...	3
" Ashutosh Ghose	71	10	81	50	7	57	18	6	...	24
" Esian Chunder Mitter	29	1	30	21	1	22	8	...	...	3
Sultan Hashiruddeen Mahomud	19	7	26	6	4	10	13	3	...	16
Munshi Nusruddeen Mahomud	38	1	39	23	...	23	15	1	...	16
" Obdulah	10	2	12	7	1	8	3	1	...	4
Total	444	93	537	319	68	387	118	32	150	50

Dr. *Municipal Improvement Fund under Act III (B.C.) of 1864.* Cr.

RECEIPTS.

	Items.		Total.	
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
To balance brought from last account	85	14 4		
To amount collected on account of the rate of 6½ per cent. upon the annual value of houses, buildings, and lands ...	18,660	8 6		
Ditto on account of tax on carriages and horses	1,239	2 0		
" " of fees on registration of carts, hackeries, and other wheeled vehicles without springs	396	4 0		
Ditto on account of fines under Act III of 1864	758	1 3		
" " of ferry collection	5,132	2 0		
" " of pound collection	1,382	5 9		
" " of fees on licenses under Section 77 of Act III of 1864	1,484	5 3		
Ditto on account of stable refuse tax	140	0 0		
" " of miscellaneous receipts	1,540	9 5		
			30,742	6 2

DISBURSEMENTS.

Charges incurred in the collection of the rate of 6½ per cent. upon the annual value of houses, buildings, lands, &c. ...	1,764	0 0
Conservancy charges	4,884	8 3
Amount paid to the District Superintendent of Police under Section 34 of Act III (B.C.) of 1864	10,169	9 10
Compensation paid for lands taken for public purposes	1,354	6 9
Amount expended for construction of roads	932	2 0
" " repairs of roads	4,594	11 0
" " making the drains and culverts	695	4 0
" " miscellaneous works	1,808	4 5
Expenses of lighting	1,577	14 6
Amount expended for supply of water	536	12 0
Office establishment	1,120	0 0
Contingencies	1,855	2 3
		31,292 11 0

STREET TRAMWAYS IN CALCUTTA.

No. 6182, dated Fort William, the 10th October 1874.

From—COLONEL J. E. T. NICOLLS, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Bengal, in
the Public Works Department,

To—The Chairman of the Justices of the Peace for the Town of Calcutta.

In continuation of former correspondence regarding the laying down
of Street Tramways in Calcutta, I am now directed by the Lieutenant-
Governor to communicate the following remarks and instructions.

2. When the case was previously submitted, the Lieutenant-Governor
directed that the opinions of the following public bodies should be
obtained:—

Port Commissioners.
Chamber of Commerce.
British Indian Association.
Trades Association.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Agent, East Indian Railway Company.
Agent, Eastern Bengal Railway Company.

This has been done; moreover, the agreements which have been
entered into at Madras and Bombay have been obtained.

3. The whole of the papers are forwarded herewith. The following
is an abstract of the opinions:—

"Port Commissioners are not in a position to discuss the financial aspect of the
undertaking; they see no objection to its being left to private enterprise
under such conditions as Government and the Justices may think fit, and
think Suburban Municipalities should have a voice in extensions into their
suburbs; they point out that they (*i. e.* the Port Commissioners) consider
they have a right of laying down Tramways on their land on the river bank,
and that this right should be recognized in any agreement that may be made."
"Chamber of Commerce think that before any such concession is made, the interests
of the tax-payers demand that the greatest publicity should be given to the
intention to do so, and that notice of such should be given in the leading
papers six months before tenders are called for."

27. *Mortuary and Birth returns.*—Attention was paid by the Commissioners to the collection of correct vital statistics within the limits of the municipality during the year under review. Arrangements were made for recording all births and deaths in the municipal outposts, and notice was given to the public to give the information to the nearest police station. For the compilation of these statistics the Municipal Police Sub-Inspector was paid monthly an extra allowance of Rs. 20. The total expenditure incurred on this head during the past year was Rs. 235-14. The following statement shows the number of recorded births and deaths within the municipality during the past year:—

Statement of Births and Deaths registered in the Hooghly Municipality during the year 1873-74.

		April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.
BIRTHS.	Male	38	33	39	34	29	40	45	59	59	43	45	51	615
	Female	22	22	24	25	26	36	31	40	54	47	41	60	418
CASTE.	Christian	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4
	Mahomedan	22	19	18	18	12	16	17	30	...	18	18	27	215
	Hindu	33	40	43	38	34	62	55	76	89	64	61	62	641
	Other castes	6	3	1	3	8	8	6	6	10	8	7	12	76
	Total births	60	55	63	59	55	76	76	99	113	90	86	101	933
DEATHS.	Male	55	40	26	34	31	44	38	57	63	41	71	69	559
	Female	40	28	23	18	34	36	33	56	55	46	51	55	476
CASTE.	Christian	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	6
	Mahomedan	16	15	8	12	14	13	19	34	27	18	29	25	219
	Hindu	72	48	37	39	46	62	46	79	83	57	86	78	733
	Other castes	8	5	3	1	5	4	6	10	7	10	6	11	76
	Total deaths	95	68	49	52	65	80	71	113	117	87	122	115	1,034
CAUSES OF DEATH.	Cholera	21	4	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	2	50	46	129
	Small-pox	...	...	...	32	46	58	53	98	96	65	55	56	705
	Fever	59	52	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bowel complaint	5	1	1	5	8	6	1	1	4	3	4	4	46
	Suicide	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
	Wounds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Accidents	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Snake-bite or killed by wild beasts	10	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Other causes	...	...	8	15	6	11	16	14	17	16	12	9	144
	Total	95	68	49	52	65	80	71	113	117	87	122	115	1,034
AGE AT THE TIME OF DEATH.	Still-born	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	14
	Not exceeding one year	4	...	4	7	6	12	7	13	14	9	4	9	97
	1 to 6	9	6	9	8	7	11	15	17	18	3	14	19	130
	6 to 12	13	11	4	1	6	7	4	7	8	5	12	10	94
	12 to 20	9	8	5	4	7	9	4	9	15	10	23	11	114
	20 to 30	17	13	4	7	9	13	8	14	7	11	20	16	138
	30 to 40	17	9	5	9	8	8	7	12	11	9	10	15	120
	40 to 50	9	1	5	9	7	7	7	13	17	14	13	13	115
	50 to 60	7	8	4	3	4	6	10	13	11	12	7	2	87
	Exceeding 60 years	10	4	9	3	11	6	6	14	13	14	16	19	125
	Total	95	68	49	52	65	80	71	113	117	87	122	115	1,034

These figures are; it is feared, unreliable. The record of the birth of only 418 girls, against 515 boys, shows that the prejudice against giving information regarding the females of a native family has not yet been overcome. Probably some of the girls have been entered as boys. The deaths recorded amount to 1,034, which gives a death-rate of a little over 29 per thousand in a population of 34,761. It is improbable that all the deaths which occurred have been reported. All that can be said in favor of the returns is that they are probably more correct than those of the previous year.

28. *Cases under Act III of 1864 (B.C.).*—A statement showing the number of persons summoned and result of cases instituted on account of breaches of the conservancy clauses of the Municipal Act is given in appendix C. All the cases were disposed of by the municipal commissioners sitting as Magistrates.

29. *Remarks on the Municipal Officers and Servants.*—The head clerk and accountant, Baboo Jibon Kristo Roy Chowdry, is a careful and attentive officer. The conservancy overseer, Mirza Pearu, has been active and zealous. The other servants have generally given satisfaction.

APPENDIX A.

Detailed Statement showing the amount of License Fees collected during 1873-74 under Section 77 of Act III (B. C.) of 1864.

LICENSEE FEES FOR 1873-74.			LICENSEE FEES FOR 1872-73.		TOTAL.	
Description of trades.	No. of license.	Amount of fees paid.	No. of license.	Amount of fees paid.	No. of license.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Burning 11-inch bricks ...	...	347 8 3	...	40 0 0	...	387 8 3
Ditto 10 " ...	24 {	23 14 6	8	9 14 3	32	33 12 9
Ditto 9 " ...	...	202 2 3	...	38 14 0	...	241 0 3
Potters ...	3	12 0 0	...	...	3	12 0 0
Tanners ...	4	1 0 0	...	...	4	100 0 0
Horn churi-makers, and all other workers in horns...	14	84 0 0	...	...	14	84 0 0
Cloth dyers ...	1	15 0 0	...	...	1	15 0 0
Wood depôt ...	45	225 0 0	...	...	45	225 0 0
Straw depôt ...	26	130 0 0	...	...	26	130 0 0
Bamboo depôt ...	6	30 0 0	...	...	6	30 0 0
Coal depôt ...	26	130 0 0	...	...	26	130 0 0
Slaughtering house ...	3	36 0 0	...	...	3	36 0 0
Soorky mill ...	3	60 0 0	...	...	3	60 0 0
	155	1,305 9 0	8	89 12 3	163	1,494 6 3

APPENDIX B.

List of Establishments entertained in the Hooghly Municipality during 1873-74.

Names of officers and servants.	Designation.	Rate of monthly pay.	Amount paid in 1873-74.	Total.	REMARKS.
OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT.					
Jibonkrishno Roy Chowdry...	Head Clerk and Accountant.	Rs. 60	Rs. A. P. 720 0 0	Rs. A. P.	
Aukhoy Nath Gangooly ...	2nd Clerk	" 25	300 0 0	...	
Nobin Chunder Banerjya ...	Municipal Clerk in the Magistrate's Office.	" 2	(a) 22 0 0	...	(a) Pay for 11 months only.
Ram Chunder Pramanic ...	Chaprassee	" 6	(b) 6 0 0	...	(b) Abolished in April 1873.
Sheik Nussimuddy ...	Durwan	" 6	72 0 0	1,120 0 0	
COLLECTING ESTABLISHMENT.					
Gogun Chunder Soor ...	Head Mohurir	" 15	180 0 0		
Kedar Nath Mookherjya ...	2nd Ditto	" 12	144 0 0		
Moheshi Chunder Banerjya ...	Bill Writer	" 10	120 0 0		
Umbla Churn Mitter ...	Collecting Ameens.	" 15 each	360 0 0		
Doorga Churn Paul ...					
Ram Chunder Doss ...					
Umesh Chunder Chatterjya ...					
Abdool Kureem Khan ...					
Tinacowri Gangooly ...	Ditto	" 10 each	960 0 0		
Bhooshun Chunder Doss ...					
Sita Nath Banerjya ...					
Sriram Biswas ...					
Hurish Chunder Gurgory ...				1,764 0 0	
POUND ESTABLISHMENT.					
Dunkoo Behari Mookherjya ...	Pound-keepers	" 8 each	192 0 0		
Ram Lal Ghose ...					
2 Servants ...	Rukhals	" 4	96 0 0		
1 Ditto ...	Ditto	" 2	(e) 14 15 6	302 15 6	(e) Employed from 15th July 1873.
CONSERVANCY ESTABLISHMENT.					
Mirza Pearu ...	Overseer	Rs. 50	600 0 0		
Peer Bux ...	Ameens	" 15 each	360 0 0		
Heerunbo Chunder Pandit ...	Ditto	" 15	(d) 33 6 3	...	(d) Dismissed on 8th May 1873, and the post abolished.
Johoor Bux ...					
Tila ...	Sirdar coolies...	" 6 each	144 0 0		
Buddoo ...	Ditto	" 6	(e) 13 5 9	...	(e) Discharged on 8th May 1873.
31 Bhanguar coolies ...	Coolies	" 5 each	1,544 7 6		
10 Cart drivers ...	Gurwans	" 5	600 0 0		
5 Moordarferashes ...	Moordarferashes.	2 at Rs. 3-8 & 3 at Rs. 2 each.	156 0 0		
3 Mehters ...		Rs. 4 each	144 0 0		
1 Sirdar Mehter ...		" 5	60 0 0		
3 Coolie mehters ...		" 3 each	72 0 0		
3 Sweepers for the barracks.		" 6	(f) 85 10 3	4,112 13 9	(f) Discharged on 23rd Aug. 1873.
Perry Mohun Sen ...	Vaccinator	" 10	120 0 0		
Mr. Thompson ...	Statistical Clerk	" 20	240 0 0		
Grand Total ...				7,659 13 3	

- "The British Indian Association are of opinion that the undertaking or speculation is one that should be left to private enterprise. That only animal power should be allowed. They point out that the terms offered by Mr. Macallister are not such as should be accepted, as, by the institution of Tramways, the tax on hackeries and ticca gharries will be reduced by about Rs. 35,000 per annum, and that such a loss would be ill-compensated by the proposed bonus of Rs. 3,000 for each mile of Tramway laid down; they recommend an annual rent charge per mile of Tramway laid down in lieu of a bonus."
- "Trades Association believe that a system of Tramways would be advantageous to the town, and that the proposed arrangement with Mr. Macallister is the best that could be entered into. They urge that the lines should be in the middle of streets and not at the sides, as, if the latter course is followed, great inconvenience will result, particularly in streets occupied by houses of business."
- "Consulting Engineer for Railways thinks the Justices should stipulate for a Joint Stock Company with sufficient capital to carry out the undertaking properly. That all details of construction and rolling-stock should be submitted for the approval of Government."
- "Agent, East Indian Railway, considers there can be no doubt that the undertaking is one that should be left to private enterprise. Thinks that 25 years is an unnecessarily long period to give a concession, 15 years would be ample, and points out that the quantity of Tramway to be laid down is not specified in the agreement."
- "Agent, Eastern Bengal Railway, thinks that, unless Tramways are worked by some public authority, it would be advisable to accept Mr. Macallister's offer. Thinks 5' 6" gauge should be fixed upon, or that Government should reserve the right of laying at any time rails with such gauge either by partly making use of the Tramways or otherwise. Thinks that the Municipal Railway should be extended from Sealdah down Nimtollah and Beadon Streets, and that this extension should be carried out by the Municipality."
- "Madras Government report that no decided opinion can yet be given as to the Tramway there proving a success financially, but believes the feeling of the majority of the Municipal Commissioners is that it is not likely to be nearly so profitable as anticipated by the shareholders in England."
- "Bombay Government. The Municipal Commissioner does not think the speculation in Bombay can pay. Unfortunately the Head-Quarters of the Company are in America, and the local Agents are consequently fettered in their action."

4. There is a general concurrence of opinion that the Calcutta Tramways should be carried out by private enterprise, subject to a certain amount of control by Government and the Municipality. This is what has been done at Madras and Bombay. The only alternative to this would be the Justices carrying out the Tramways themselves, which they do not wish, or the work being committed to a special body similar to the Port Commissioners. The Lieutenant-Governor's general belief is that, as remarked in these papers, Tramways would be most profitably carried out by private enterprise, as self-interest is so great an element of success in such undertakings. This consideration may perhaps somewhat militate against giving the entire town over to Mr. R. Macallister as proposed by the Committee of Justices, since only the very paying lines would be taken up; and the Concessionaires having an exclusive franchise, nothing more could be done. In Madras and Bombay certain lines were named, with the power to the Concessionaires of getting extensions, which are to be approved by the Municipality, and in Bombay to be sanctioned by Government also; and in both, the grantee has the preference in laying down any further line, but if he refuses, it may be given to any other party.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor observes that the Chamber of Commerce express their concurrence in the following views expressed by the late Lieutenant-Governor in the first paragraph of the following letter dated 7th February last:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2001 dated the 23rd December last, stating the conditions on which it had definitely been decided at a meeting of the Justices held for the purpose on the 22nd idem to grant to Mr. Macallister the franchise for laying down Tramways through the town of Calcutta only, and I am to state, in

"reply, that the Lieutenant-Governor is not prepared to make over the town for the establishment of Tramways for 25 years, as proposed, to a Company which makes a proposal not subjected to public discussion, and without giving other parties any opportunity of tendering.

"The Lieutenant-Governor is of opinion that, in the present stage of progress and invention in this matter, it would not be prudent to give the streets of the town for the purpose in question for 25 years to any one. His Honor thinks that the comparatively petty advantage of getting rid of the present line of Tramway laid down by the Justices would not justify such a concession. The Lieutenant-Governor is also inclined to think that if anything of this kind is to be done, it should be kept in the hands of a public authority."

The Chamber also strongly urge the widest publicity being given of any intention to make Tramways, and that tenders should be invited six months after notice.

6. The proposed arrangement with Mr. Macallister includes purchasing the existing Municipal Tramway for Rs. 1,50,000, and paying a bonus of Rs. 30,000 on every mile of Tramway laid. The Lieutenant-Governor fears that this may be tantamount to selling the rights of futurity for present advantage without sufficient regard for the tax-payer of the future who would find himself bound to an arrangement from which he could derive no direct monetary benefit. The British Indian Association say that if Tramways were thoroughly introduced, the town would loose cart and carriage tax to the extent of some Rs. 35,000 per annum. Without confirming this estimate which seems somewhat high, the Lieutenant-Governor admits that if Tramways are to pay at all, the cart and carriage taxes will no doubt be affected. And there are obvious objections to commuting a portion of these taxes in *perpetuo* for Rs. 3,000 per mile down. In Madras the Concessionaires do not appear to pay anything for their privileges. In Bombay they pay Rs. 3,000 per annum for double, and Rs. 2,000 for single Tramway tracks.

7. Several of the public bodies consulted make a point only of animal traction power being allowed. This has been insisted on both at Madras and Bombay.

8. In respect to the terms, the Lieutenant-Governor would make the following observations:—

In Madras the concession is made for 21 years, and the Municipality can purchase at that period, or at any subsequent period of seven years at 25 years' purchase of average profits of the three preceding years.

In Bombay the time for purchase is the same as the above, but the terms are very different. The Municipality is to pay (a) *bonâ fide* value of Tramways, Works, &c., and then for the good-will it must pay in addition 21 years' purchase on the average profits of the previous 3 years after deduction of 4 per cent on (a.)

The Justices' proposals are, power to re-purchase after 25 years, and every 7 years thereafter; according to the first statement at a fair valuation, exclusive of compensation for good-will, &c.; according to the second, "the Tramway and good-will" are to be purchased at a fair valuation.

9. The provision about laying down Tramways, keeping roads in repair, &c., are on much the same principle everywhere. In Calcutta, however, this question is very materially affected by a claim put forward by the Port Commissioners to have under their Act a line of Tramway of their own, without reference to the Street Tramways; and thus to connect their Jetties with the terminus of the Eastern Bengal Railway at Chitpore and East Indian Railway at Howrah by a river-side line running to the northern end of the Port on their own land. This claim seems to the Lieutenant-Governor to be a good one, and very desirable in the interests

of the Port. But such a Tramway, arranged as the proposal seems to stand, would very seriously affect the earnings of other Tramways, as by it goods could be run from the Railways either to the vessel's side or into the large jute warehouses, or close to groups of the smaller warehouses. These advantages will bring the great mass of the goods traffic on the Commissioners' line, and leave but little for other Tramways.

10. The Lieutenant-Governor understands that one of Mr. Macallister's projected lines, and no doubt one of the most profitable, was to run along the river-side to Aheeretollah Ghat, and from thence through Sohba Bazar Street to Chitpore Bridge almost parallel to the Port Commissioner's proposed Tramway. How this was to be effected is not apparent, since the streets were so narrow that the Government had already refused to sanction a Tramway in them. The narrowness of the streets is a point that apparently deserves more attention than it has received. The Municipal Commissioner of Bombay reports of a concession having been made in regard to one street; and adds—"as Municipal Commissioner I would not in the public interests consent to the Tramways being laid in narrow streets in future."

11. It appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that a paying Tramway must look to what are usually 3rd and 4th class passengers as its support, and must have its cars merely covered platforms on wheels, so as to make them as light as possible, and thus to make the most of the animal traction; seats being given in one or two carriages. The goods traffic is what has always been looked upon as the main stay of the Tramway system in Calcutta, as no doubt it would be; but the Port Commissioners' River-side Tramway would interfere with this as regards any general scheme. There are probably lines in Calcutta in which a Tramway would pay and where certainly some such work is much wanted. But the Lieutenant-Governor fears that there are very many streets and lines where the prospect would be much less favorable. It is doubtful whether any body would bind himself to any general scheme for the whole city, though he might be very willing to take up portions.

12. In respect to the paying prospects of Tramway in Madras and Bombay, the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Madras, says—

"It is of course impossible to form at present an estimate to be relied on in regard to the undertaking proving a paying one, and I find those best qualified to form a judgment much divided in opinion on the subject. I believe the feeling of the majority to be that it is not likely to be nearly so profitable as anticipated by the Shareholders in England."

The Municipal Commissioner, Bombay, states—

"Whether the Tramways will pay or not is a matter of opinion. At first, one uniform charge of 3 annas for any distance, small or great, was exacted. The consequence was that the cars were nearly empty. Lately the charges have been reduced and fixed on the more sensible plan of considering the distance travelled over. Hence the cars now are better filled than they were at first, though even now I do not think the speculation can pay. Unfortunately, the Head-Quarters of the Company are in America, and the local Agents are therefore fettered in their action."

13. On the whole, it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that the concession proposed by the Justices cannot be granted, unless the Concessionaires would bind themselves to carry out a general Tramway system, which they perhaps would hardly do, except on terms more favorable than what could be allowed.

14. All things considered, the Lieutenant-Governor would prefer that the Justices should submit a proposal showing what lines of Tramway they would propose to start with. When these are approved, tenders could

be invited at least six months after notice, and the result would guide the Government and the Justices in determining what steps should be taken.

15. In conclusion, I am to state that Sir Richard Temple would rejoice to see a good system of Street Tramways established in at least the principal thoroughfares of Calcutta through private enterprise, believing, as he does, that the growing demands for local transport must out-grow the resources of ordinary country carriage, and cannot be adequately met without the provision of supplementing mechanical means. He hopes that the Justices may now be enabled to compass this very desirable end.

From W. D. BRUCE, Esq., Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners for making Improvements in the Port of Calcutta, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department,—(No. 925, dated the 8th July 1874.)

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4003 dated the 12th ultimo, forwarding, for any remarks the Commissioners may have to suggest, a copy of certain papers regarding a proposal to give to a private firm the right of making street tramways in the Town of Calcutta for a term of years.

2. In submitting the remarks called for in your letter under reply, the Commissioners desire to premise that, under the powers conveyed to them by Section 39 of Bengal Act V. of 1870, they propose laying down a line of rails from the Import and Export Jetties along their river-side road (now called Grey's Wharf) and thence along the new road and wharf which they propose constructing to the northern boundary of the port, so as to connect the inland wharves with the jetties and both with the termini of Eastern Bengal Railway at Chitpore and of East Indian Railway at Howrah; the rail being laid with a gauge of 5 feet and 6 inches so as to be available for use by the waggons of either Railway Company on payment of a toll per waggon. Such a line the Commissioners consider absolutely necessary for the development and efficient management of their port works, and for the benefit and convenience of the commerce and trade of the port in connection with such works. The line being laid upon land, the purchase of which will cost the Commissioners over 13 lacs of rupees, and the proprietary right to which will rest in them, although the privilege of using the road as a thoroughfare will be extended to the public, the Commissioners are convinced that the right to lay down, manage and control the line must remain in their hands alone and cannot be transferred, with due regard to the interest of the port, to any public body, corporation, firm or private individual.

3. It may no doubt conduce to the convenience of the public, if, irrespective of such a line, a system of street tramways, such as that originally commenced by the Justices, could be carried out through the principal and more important streets of the town and extended to the suburbs.

4. It may also be that such a scheme worked independently of the Commissioners' river-side line might prove remunerative by affording cheap and easy means of conveyance for passengers to and from the suburbs and through the town, and giving facilities for the transport of goods from and to the Commissioners' Jetties and Inland Wharves, but the Commissioners are not in a position to discuss its financial aspect.

5. With regard to the mode of controlling, managing and working such a scheme, the Commissioners see no objection to its conduct in those respects being placed in the hands of any responsible company, firm or individual under such conditions as may be determined upon by the Government and the Justices, or, in case of its extension to the suburbs, by the Suburban Municipality.

6. The Commissioners, however, desire that it should be understood that the concession to any individual, firm or company of the street tramway will be made with the knowledge that the Commissioners have the right to construct tramways on their premises to facilitate the work of the port, and, with the sanction of Government, this right will be exercised without reference to any line of street tramways.

7. A Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider the question of constructing a line of tramway connecting the Inland Wharves with the Jetties, and their report, with an estimate for the work, will shortly be submitted.

From H. W. J. Wood, Esq., Secretary to Bengal Chamber of Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department,—(dated the 22nd June 1874.)

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce desire me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4004 of 12th instant, regarding a proposal for giving to a private firm the right of making street tramways in Calcutta for a term of years.

The Committee concur in the opinion expressed in your letter, No. 780 of 7th February last, to the Chairman of the Justices that a proposal of such a kind should be subjected to public discussion, and that the concession by Government of a special privilege in favor of an individual speculator or a private Company should not be made until after ample notice had been given to the public and opportunity afforded to projectors generally of competing for the franchise, which in other countries is generally considered to possess considerable value to the grantees.

The Committee see no reason why the latter should not be granted to a responsible party or corporation subject to such control on the part of the Government or Municipality as will ensure to the public the greatest amount of convenience and the least interference with the ordinary traffic of the streets, &c. Such concessions have been made to private individuals and corporations in many of the chief cities of Europe and America, and the Committee are not aware that they have been found to work against the interests of the Municipalities referred to: on the contrary, they believe in most instances the result has proved beneficial to both contracting parties.

The Chairman of the Justices states in his letter of 23rd December last that "the Committee was of opinion that a scheme for extending the tramway through the town would have a better chance of success if taken up by "capitalists of this city, and therefore tenders were not publicly invited;" but the Committee of the Chamber do not take that view of the matter: they are of opinion that the interests of the tax-payers demand that, before giving away a valuable right like the one in question, the widest publicity should be given to their intention, and that tenders should be invited six months after notice has been given in the leading newspapers. By this means they consider better terms could be got than those which the Tramway Committee of the Justices are anxious to accept: in fact, notwithstanding the limited notice of their intention to dispose of the existing tramway and the franchise for the town, the Committee are informed that, at the meeting held on 22nd of December, a tender offering more favorable terms for the privileges in question than the one which was accepted was actually sent in to the Tramway Committee, but on account of what appears rather an untenable reason was not opened.

From BABOO JOTEENDRO MOHUN TAGORE, Honorary Secretary, British Indian Association, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Public Works Department,—(dated British Indian Association Rooms, No. 18, British Indian Street, Calcutta, the 1st July 1874.)

I have the honor, by desire of the Committee of the British Indian Association, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 4005 dated the 12th ultimo with annexures, inviting the Association to "make such remarks" as "their local experience may suggest" regarding a proposal for giving to a private firm the right of making street tramways in the town of Calcutta for a certain term of years.

The history of the Calcutta Municipal Tramway is given in the last Annual Report of the Calcutta Municipality. It would appear that the tramway scheme "originated entirely with the Government of India," and that

the Justices, "in order to meet the wishes of the Government of India, agreed to vote funds for the purpose of testing whether the running of street tramways through the thoroughfares of Calcutta would obstruct traffic and cause inconvenience incommensurate with the advantages gained by it." In charging the Justices with this experiment, the Government of India declared that "the Governor General in Council is decidedly of opinion that the Eastern Bengal Railway Company should have no direct concern in any street railways in Calcutta, and is altogether averse to giving them a station on the river bank either at Chitpore or elsewhere." This declaration, says the Chairman of the Justices, "materially influenced the whole bearings of the tramway scheme, as, had it been anticipated that the Government would, within a short space of time, change its views, and would allow the Eastern Bengal Railway Company to extend their line to the river, it is probable that the Justices would never have consented to expend the money of the rate-payers in connecting the Sealdah Railway Station with the river at Armenian Ghat."

The experiment was commenced on a very limited scale. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor sanctioned the construction of a street tramway from Sealdah to Armenian Ghat only at a cost not exceeding one lac of rupees. His Honor declined to allow the line to be extended beyond Armenian Ghat to Chitpore Bridge.

The line was completed in February 1873 at the expense of the Justices; the total outlay amounting to about Rs. 1,50,000, that is to say, about half a lac in excess of the sanctioned estimate. The tramway commenced running on the 24th February, and was worked continually, for the conveyance of passengers only, up to the 20th November, "when the Justices determined on closing the line, as they considered it absurd to continue working it at a dead loss, and were also of opinion that the tramway never could be made to pay until it was considerably extended."

The Chairman remarks,—“Thus far the tramway scheme has proved a complete failure; but I submit it has had no fair trial on the basis laid down by the Justices, as the whole scheme has been completely frustrated by the Government having entirely changed its policy and allowed the Eastern Bengal Railway Company to extend its line to the river at Chitpore.” The scheme of a street tramway, as suggested by the Governor General in Council, was not primarily for the conveyance of passengers, but “for providing such further facilities as may be possible for the transport of merchandise from various parts of the river frontage, within the port limits, to the Custom House, private Ware-houses, the Canal banks, and to the Railway Stations.” In this spirit, and with this view, the Justices devised the scheme, and their declared intention, as reported to Government, was that the working of the line should, if possible, be left entirely to private enterprise, the Justices allowing private parties or a company to run trucks over the line on payment of a mileage rate.

“For a tramway not 2 miles in length to pay as a mere passenger line is obviously absurd, and now that the Eastern Bengal Railway Company have a terminus at the river, there can be no chance of the line being made use of for the conveyance of seeds and jute cargo from Sealdah to the jute godowns in town. Consequently the line can never be made to pay unless it is extended through the chief thoroughfares of the town and the suburbs. If this was done, in my judgment, the scheme would prove a most profitable one, not for the transit of goods, but for the conveyance of passengers.”

The Committee of this Association cannot but regret that such a large amount of the Town Fund has been sacrificed upon a fruitless experiment at the instance of Government. The primary object of the tramway, the Committee believe, was to give facility of transport to the immense jute trade which flows into the city from the eastern districts through the Eastern Bengal Railway, but the establishment of a terminus of that railway at Chitpore has destroyed the prospect of feeding the tramway with jute and other traffic from the eastern districts. It is, therefore, doubtful whether a tramway in the town would prove remunerative, unless it be so arranged by distribution over principal thoroughfares as to attract the inter-traffic of both goods and passengers, which is now at present carried on by hackeries and hackneys.

Such a speculation, the Committee are of opinion, ought to be left to private enterprise. The taxes of the town ought not to be devoted to specu-